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# Searching: to seek, examine and explore

Because of the problems and complications that face each of us in today's world, our four years at Weaver have been more than a period of carefree life. We have found it impossible to sit idly by and watch the world move around us. Most of us have chosen to become involved with that part which is moving. No matter what the issue, we never hesitated to speak our minds. It was an unusual occasion when our sentiments were not known.

Yet for all our "stand-taking," we still find ourselves very much in doubt on many issues. Many times it has been difficult to see just what the correct course is. We have searched for many answers, both individually and as a class. Many of our questions remain unsolved even as we approach graduation, but, hopefully, our experiences at Weaver have at least taught us how to better cope with them. If our teachers and administrators have been successful, we should be leaving our school with an improved sense of judgment and a better set of values.

One thing is for sure. We have used Weaver as a testing ground for our ideas. In this reasonably secure environment, we have tried out, before being bold enough to let the whole community or country know what we're doing, different methods of persuasion. We have examined our curriculum, explored new ways of expression, and sought a new identity; we have left our mark on Weaver, and Weaver has left one on us. Whether that mark will prove favorable, only time can be the judge.

The 1970 Portal staff has chosen "Searching" as its theme because that is what each one of us has been doing these last four years and will continue to do the rest of our lives. Searching for a career, searching for happiness, searching for a better world. We can only hope that we will be successful in these endeavors, so that future generations will not have to search as hard as we have had to, in order to obtain those things which we all desire. The important thing to remember is, no matter how discouraging things may look, never to stop our search. Only by an endless quest will we ever be able to accomplish the aims which we have set for ourselves. Searching: to seek, to examine, to explore—the important thing is to remember to never stop.



*A crowd looks on as Beavers tackle HPHS at Turkey Day game.*





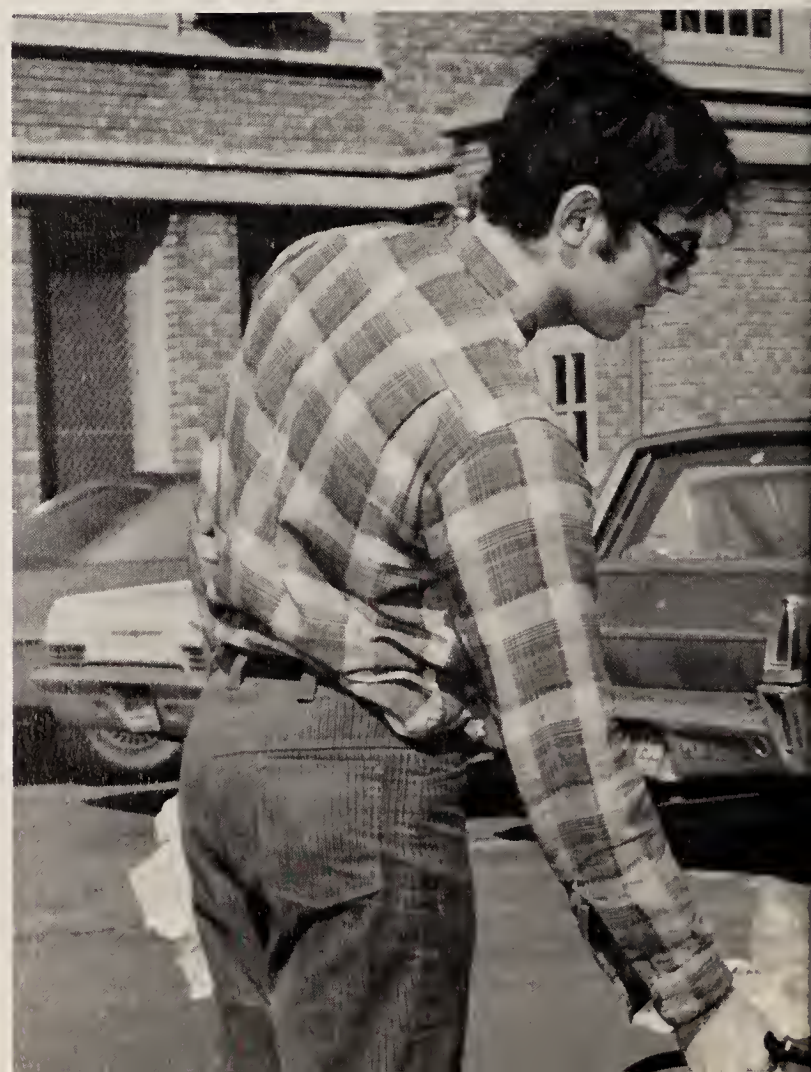




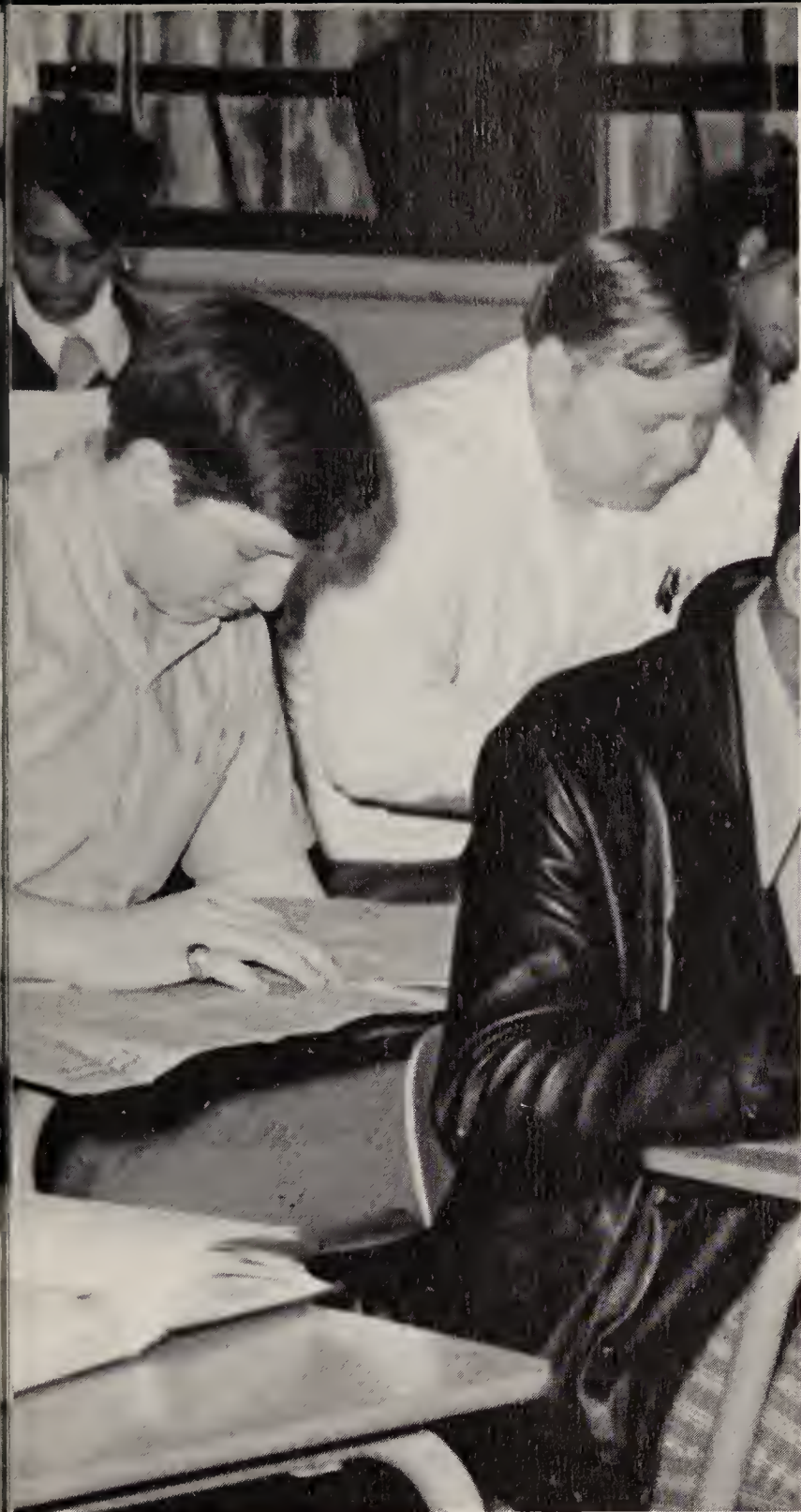
## Students and teachers try to get representative view

In an effort to improve and to better understand various phases of Weaver, In-Service Days were held once a month this year. During the majority of these days, meetings with faculty and administrative members were held. However, a few included students in their plans. The fishbowl form of discussion, where a selected number led the group, and others spoke by cutting in on people in the inner circle, was held two times. Three separate fishbowls were organized each time. Another activity was the forming of student-teacher groups which took pictures they felt were representative of the true Weaver. Later each group arranged and compared their photographs with those taken by the other teams.

*Arthur Pomerantz washes cars during the Honor Society car wash.*







*Herman James works over his history paper.*

*Beverly Wilkinson dances with her escort.*



*Norman Arter uses card catalogue in the library.*









## Anything attempted by class to raise money

The Weaver Class of 1970 did not spend all of its time on serious matters. Somehow it found time to do all the traditional things that senior classes have done since the school was built. Bake sales, fashion shows, car washes—every senior participated in one fund raising event or another. In addition, plans were worked out for the June activities. The Senior Reception, the Senior Outing, and Class Night were organized diligently by selected class members, who tried to make these events just as memorable as possible.

Weaver students have a unique way of mixing the old together with the new. This Senior Class probably had very little in common with the class of 1940, yet we continued to cling to old traditions. Even the “contemporary” Weaver Class of 1970 cherished all activities and privileges accorded to us as seniors. Whatever the project or task, it sought to make every moment at Weaver really count, and in most cases succeeded.

*Dona Campbell and her date sign their picture receipt at the Junior Prom, while Rosemary Gordon and Dwight Fleming wait their turn.*



*Beverly Wilkinson models beach apparel in fashion show.*





*Far right: In chem lab, Miss Vollano and Cheryl Biggins work on a crystallization experiment.*

*Center: Dona Campbell speaks to Sam James in study hall.*

*Right: Jennifer Fraser concentrates on her shorthand assignment.*

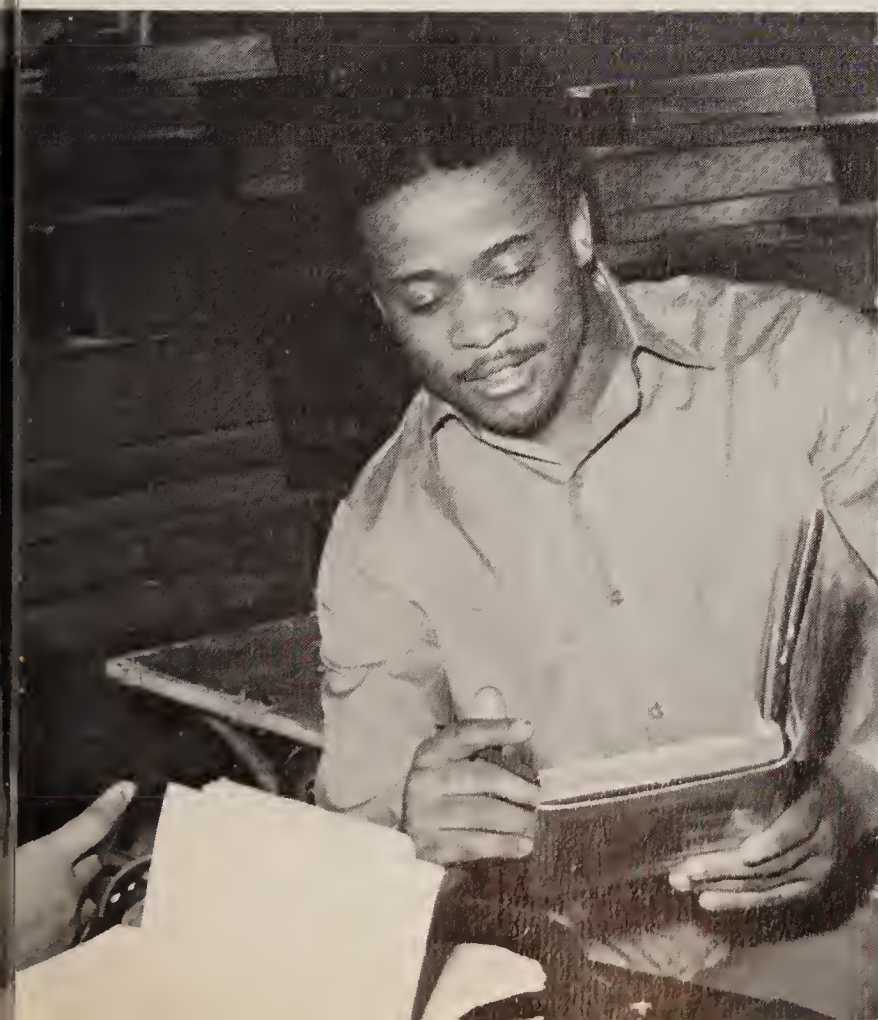
*Above: Students gather in auditorium for a Wednesday morning assembly.*





## Exchange programs with West Hartford expanded

One of the many aspects of human relations on which the Class of 1970 has worked is the relations between themselves and those students from the surrounding area. The major activity which is concerned with this idea is one that the whole school participates in each year. This is the Student Exchange Program. The program has seemed to become more successful every year since it was re-established by the Student Council three years ago. Students from the Hartford and West Hartford high schools exchange places for a few days to see what each other's schools and lives are really like. The purpose of the program is to try to create a better understanding between the urban centers and the suburbs. Obviously, not everyone in school is able to take an active part in the program, but all take part in the sense that every student is a fraction of the whole impression the visitors leave with. By spending just a few days observing their hosts, the visitors get at least some idea of the cultural and physical differences and similarities between them. The participants are able to see for themselves if everything they hear is really the truth, and most of the time they are pleasantly surprised. This year, all involved were able to act as both guests and hosts, rather than just one or the other. The Student Exchange Program is the school systems' way of trying to mend some of the rifts that now exist between our two communities and between our different ways of life. In a time when so much misunderstanding and prejudice are the by-products of ignorance, the Student Exchange Program tries to instill knowledge in its participants, and it succeeds.











*Karen Shaw and Juanita Matthews show parents the school during Parents' Day.*

## Parents visit to observe Weaver

For three days Weaver conducted a new type of open house. It was called Parents' Visitation Days and this new idea gave parents the chance to tour the school while it was in session. Selected students acted as guides and showed the parents all facets of life at Weaver. This procedure was much more informative and interesting to the visitors than the traditional open house that is held during the evening. The parents were given an opportunity to view any class (not just their own son's or daughter's,) as well as all facilities available to students such as the library, the gymnasium, and the chemistry and language laboratories. Through this plan, guests saw how an average day at Weaver High School operates.

*Modeling a raincoat in a fashion show is Vicki Hurston.*



*Mr. Steeves explains a problem to Craig Brockman, John Peters, and Rich Serfass.*







## Activities

**SEARCHING:** Exploring new ways of expression.

Perhaps what we have looked for most in our organizations at Weaver is a place where we can experiment with ourselves and our ideas. Anytime we felt stifled by the routine of classes, our extra-curricular activities provided the needed break. They helped to make our educational experience at Weaver High a richer and more meaningful one by giving us an opportunity to develop our individual talents: athletic, intellectual, or musical. Whether it be Drama or Debate, Contemporary or Katara, each has offered us the same three basics: lots of learning, lots of work, and lots of fun. Any club at Weaver is as good or as bad as its members, and every student takes special pride in helping an organization be successful. The time for exploring and experimentation is during our youth, and Weaver has provided a variety of outlets for each of us.

*Far Left: Mary Johnson stitches a seam with the sewing machine.*

*Center: Larry Stephenson works in the machine shop.*

*Left: Miss McCombe watches Ella Mae Barnes in ceramics class.*





# J.C.C. coordinates efforts with other high schools



*The Student Court includes (Row 1) Donovan Leatham, Janet Bailey, Errol Bowen, Elaine Harris, Robert Williams. (Row 2) Mr. Walter Hurley, Mrs. Marilyn Strong, Miss Mary MacDonnell and Mr. Joseph Dougherty.*

All of the high schools in Hartford again joined together to see democracy in action as the students elected a 1969-1970 Junior City Council. Modeled after Hartford's City Council, the J.C.C. gives students a chance to voice their opinions. The J.C.C. recommended changes for the city and schools but, unfortunately, these ideas were not carried out. Weaver's Cynthia Newman was elected Deputy Mayor by the Council. Other Weaver representatives were Robert Dunkley, Cynthia Bingham, and Herman James.

Weaver High began a new experimental program with the formation of the Student Court. The court became the first one of its kind to exist in Connecticut. The Ad Hoc Committee worked for almost a year to bring about an outlet for student appeals. Still very young, the court does have some rough spots, but most are confident of its eventual success.

The Student Council spent much of its time working with the Student Court. One function was the simplification of the court so students could be better informed with procedure. The council also worked on the Biafra Committee, which is concerned with sending clothing and funds to the area. A third major job was setting up the annual exchange program.



*The Student Council Officers include (Row 1) Robert Williams (President), Roosevelt Cooper (Vice-President). (Row 2) William*

*Addison, Mary Ann Sampson (Secretary), Pat Adams, Shirley Chappelle, Howard McLendon and Mr. James Snyder (adviser).*

*The Junior City Council includes (Row 1) Mr. Peter Desy (adviser), Cynthia Newman, Robert Dunkley, Herman James and Cynthia Bingham.*









## Katara presents selected guests to communicate black awareness

With a membership hovering around the three hundred mark, Katara, the Afro-American Society, was unquestionably Weaver's largest organization. In fact, the club was so large that it required eight advisors to guide its affairs. This is quite an accomplishment, since the organization has only been in existence for two years. In addition to the advisors, Katara had two student coordinators, Billy Scott and Diane Wright. Katara deals with the problems of black America. Members also learn about their African heritage. Students are able to learn more about themselves as well as other black people in America and around the world. At several of the meetings guests were invited to address the club on various topics. Like any organization, Katara arranged some typical functions during the year. These activities included a fashion show and bake sale. To end the year, Katara planned a trip to Washington, D.C.

Both the Girls' League and Boys' Club spent much of this year revamping their organizations. Unfortunately, some activities planned for members had to be sacrificed during this reorganization period. This year, the Girls' League was represented by Ceryl Reynolds, president; Vicki Hurston, vice president; JoAnn Washington, second vice president; April Everett, third vice president; Cloret Richardson, secretary; and Jacqueline Thorpe, treasurer. Although they had a rather late start, activities during the second half of the year included a bake sale, a hospital volunteer day, a dinner with League members from Hartford Public High School, and a raffle. The Fund raising projects were held so the League could raise money for a scholarship they award annually in June. Both the Girls' League and the Boys' Club are confident of a much improved program next year, with more to offer than ever to all their members.



*The Boys' Club Officers include (Row 1) William Scott. (Row 2) Mr. Sandy Roth (adviser), Lance Powell, Robert Williams, Eddie Ware, Herbert Johnson and Raymond Rolando.*





*The Girls' League Officers include (Row 1) Georgia Hurston, Jacqueline Thorpe, April Everett, Miss Rachel Lindenthal (adviser). (Row 2) Cheryl Reynolds Cloret Richardson and JoAnn Washington.*

*Far left: Katara includes (Row 1) Mark Rhue, Pauline Dawes, Sheila Terry, Gloria Bibb, Georgia Hurston, Michele Hughes, Leceia Mein, Diane Phillips, Sandra Carter. (Row 2) Mr. Delman Sailor (adviser), Cleo Cotton, Elma Newell, Elaine McLin, Cloret Richardson, Jacqueline Thorpe, Shirley Chappelle. (Row 3) Bill Haiden, Norman Arter, Annie Winston, Cheryl Reynolds, Brenda Joiner, Celeste Stellmacher, Denise Dowdell, Sandra Hoyle, Debbie Smith. (Row 4) Claude Curry, William Scott, Karen Williams, Leroy Washington, Kathy Greene. (Row 5) Harold Stinson, Locksley McGreggor, Ginger Pertillar, Donald Harvey, Jon Frazier, John Peters, Ronnie Stewart, Craig Brockman, Chuckie Knight, Sherman James, Donovan Leatham and Ralph Kinghton.*





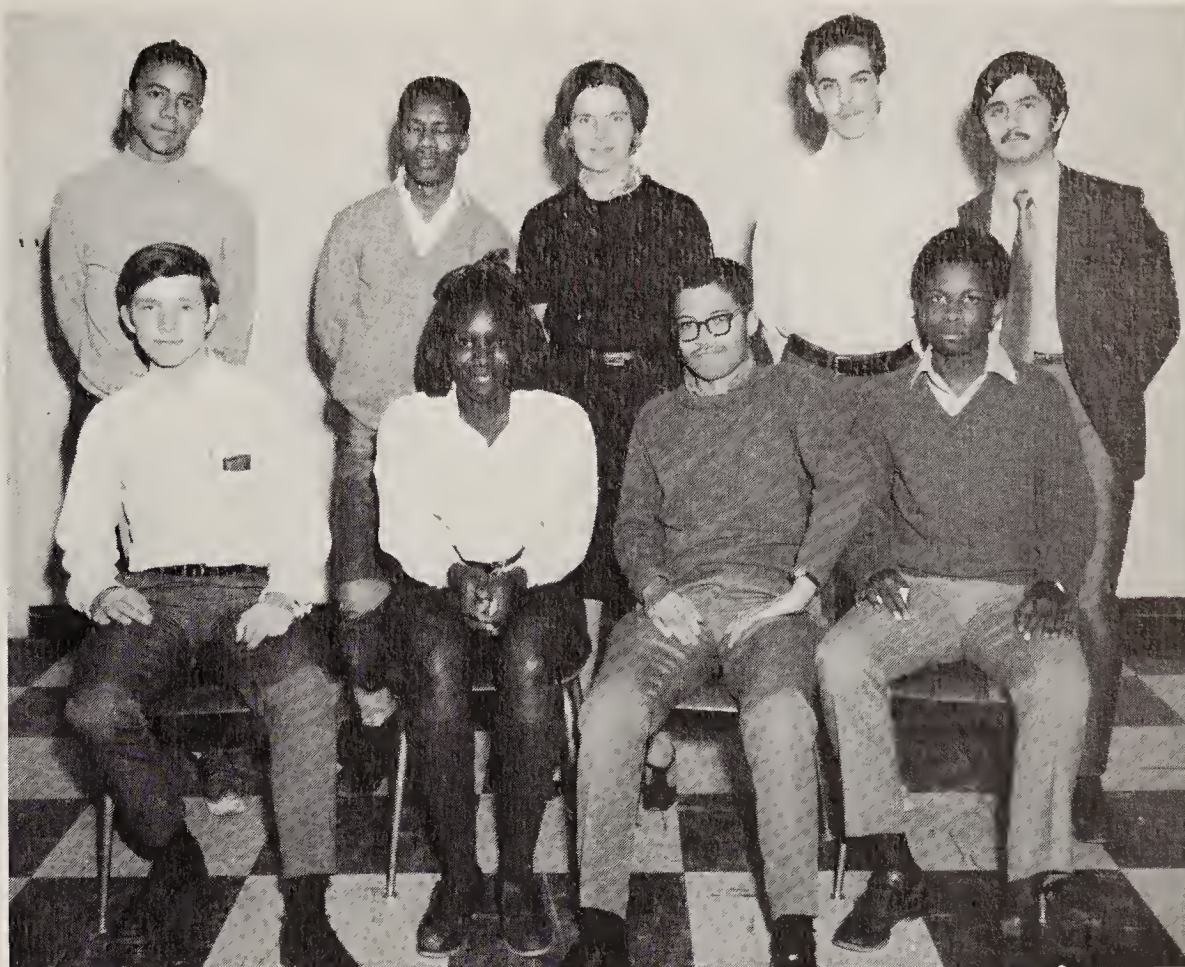




# Honor Society tutors during study periods

Whether you have creativity in writing or art work, the *Review* provides a means of showing off your talents. The *Review* is a complete school magazine which is published annually and sold to Weaverites in the spring. Anyone can contribute articles; in fact, this was the first year that teachers took part in the magazine. The printing was done by Aetna and this year a separate section of art work was added. Editor Jerry Reynolds and his staff dedicated the 1970 edition of the *Review* in memory of Mr. Devine, who had once been adviser to the publication.

Thirteen seniors were elected as members of the National Honor Society for 1969-1970. The students spent much of the year tutoring other students and raising money for the scholarship they present at graduation. Fund raising included selling "Beat HPHS" tags and washing cars. The members also began a program, "Open Forum", where guest speakers were invited to lecture on a variety of subjects. All students were invited to attend and questions were answered following the lecture.



*The Review includes (Row 1) Thomas Burns, Elaine Williams, Eugene Seymour, Theodore Milling Jr. (Row 2) Mike Robertson, Judge Thompson, Mrs. Mary-Frances Hennessey (adviser), Philip Giller and Haig Papasian.*



*The Honor Society consists of (Row 1) Edyse Katz, Susan Finkel, Raymond King, Miss Eluned Roberts (adviser). (Row 2) Lisa Kannof, Andrea Schuman, Gloria McCree, Arthur Pomerantz, David Mastronarde and Dorothy Goldman.*

*Raymond King tutors Daniel Gibson.*



# Weaver Business Club revises membership rules;



*The Debate Team consists of Row 1) Mr. Richard Pierce (adviser), Betty Feemster, Debbie Johnson, Colette Martin. (Row 2)*

*Gretchen Hughes, Sue Feigenbaum, Shermette Martin, Edna Clark, Jeanette Johnson. (Row 3) Yvette Ford, Anthony Merrill.*



# Future Teachers' and Debate Clubs increase size

The Weaver Business Club, formerly known as the Girls' Business Club, has been in existence for a number of years. This year, along with a change in its name, the club altered its membership policy. The club, which was previously just for girls, admitted male students last March. The club was formed to teach poise, good grooming and self confidence to those students who plan to enter a business profession. Money was raised during the year to provide an award to the student who had done the best scholastically in the business curriculum.

Bettering the present educational facilities in the city of Hartford is one of the main goals of the Future Teachers' Club. A main project this year was making learning kits for

the children in the city's elementary schools which lacked proper books and equipment. The money to support this project was raised through the sales of candy and donuts. The club also gave its members some background in teaching principles.

Out to prove that today's urban high school is not simply an anthill of anti-intellectualism is the Debate Club. Debaters have to sandwich in between studies and other activities, some research into a topic of national importance. They find themselves thinking of some of the wider issues in our national life, going beyond even the pressing problems of our own school and city, and developing more perspective on the local scene.



*The Business Club consists of (Row 1) Miss Jayne Mazner (adviser), Shirley Chappelle, Sharon Hicks, Michele Hughes. (Row 2) Lavanda Leggett, Sheila Terry, Donna Frederick, Althea Monts,*

*Winifred Lambert, Agnes Walker, Olita Moon, Michele Jones, and Debbie Dahlman.*



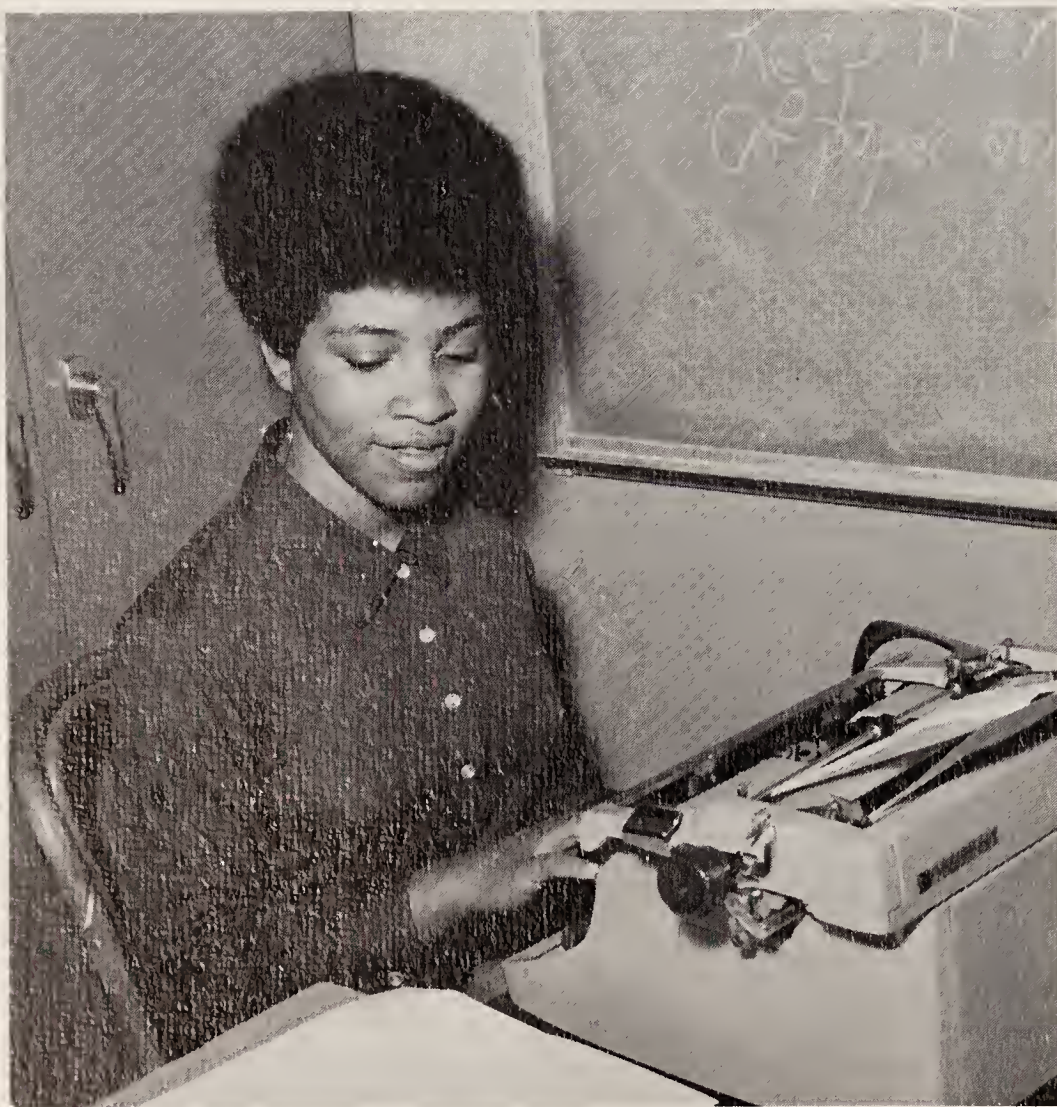
*The Future Teachers' Club includes (Row 1) Debbie Johnson, Barbara Bolling, Gretchen Hughes, Sharon Lewis, Sandra Daley, Yvette Ford, Marie Wright, JoAnn Washington. (Row 2) Mrs.*

*Seligson (adviser), Jeanette Johnson, Joyce Brown, Glenn Black, Betty Feemster, Al Bingham, Vicki Hurston, Lydia Barnette, Pat Proffitt, Cheryl French, Edna Clark, and Sue Feigenbaum.*





*The Lookout consists of (Row 1) Francine Chisholm, Daphne Clinton, Eugene Seymour, Kathy Zawalich, Theodore Milling, David Rosenberg. (Row 2) Joyce Deep, Cloret Richardson, Mary Beth Sposito, Beverly McGarrah, Debbie Dahlman, Myra Sobol. (Row 3) Mary Johnson, Donovan Leatham, Thomas Burns, William McCarthy, Stephen Giller, Robert Mathis, Juanita McBride and Mary Williams.*



*Cloret Richardson types an article.*

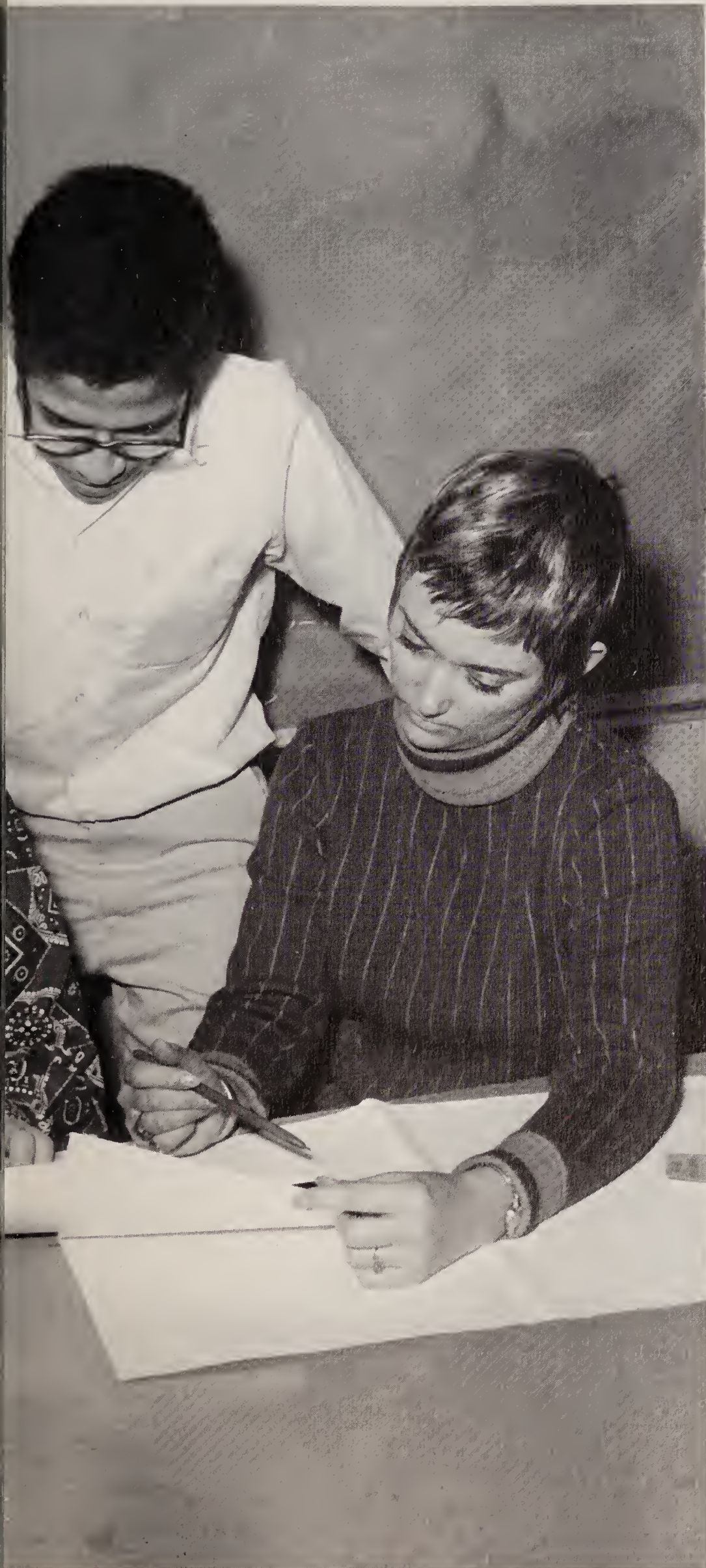




## *Lookout* staff wins number one rating

As in past years, the school newspaper, *The Lookout*, has again tried to report all school news and important Weaver functions accurately. Of course, the staff also added their own observations about current trends and attitudes of importance concerning Weaver students and the community. The *Lookout* reflected increased student involvement by placing more emphasis on these editorials than in past years. In addition to the regular features, the staff tried to bring an added touch by placing an occasional human interest story, political cartoon, or new item to the paper. Under Editor Eugene Seymour, the *Lookout* won a first place rating at the Columbia Scholastic Association Press Conference.

*Tom Burns, Eugene Seymour and Miss Bessette go over plans for the next issue.*



*Sports Editor, David Rosenberg, records a basketball victory.*



# A.V.A. squad plans for a new radio station project

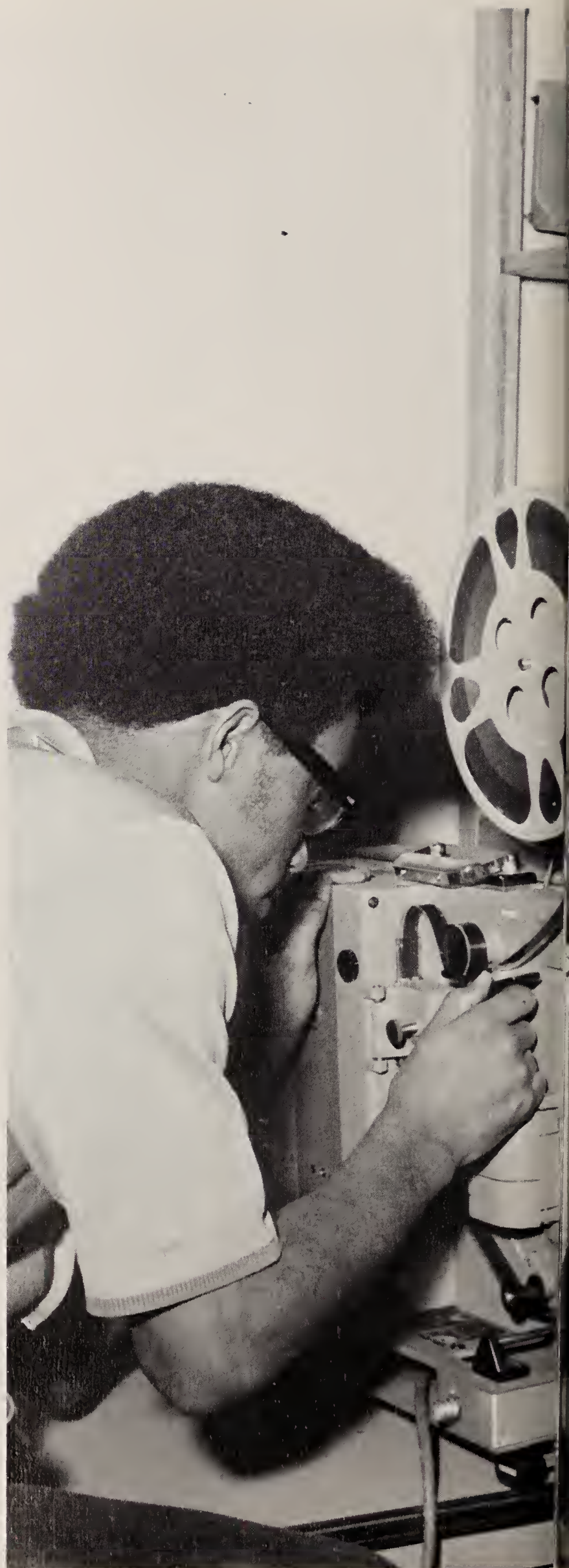
The process of mixing the old with the new is always successful and Weaver offers no exception. Anyone who was interested in learning how to take pictures and having fun at the same time felt right at home as a member of the photography club. This was the first year for a club of this type at Weaver and the members were very enthusiastic about it. Mr. Guyon, the faculty advisor, feels that by giving the students a thorough understanding of the mechanics of photography, they will be able to use equipment to the best advantage. Most of the equipment was provided by the students; the developing and printing was done in the printing shop dark room. By developing their own pictures, the students were able to see all of their mistakes and improve themselves by their observations.

Although he was new to Weaver this year, Mr. Angelillo was in charge of an old group in the school, the AVA squad. The AVA has supplied all the Audio-Visual needs of Weaver for many years. Open to all boys, the AVA squad has a wide variety of students for its members. The captain for 1969-1970 was senior Franz Redler. Other senior members were Dessi Nesmith, Richard Mattleson, and David Rosenberg.



*The A.V.A. includes (Row 1) David Rosenberg, Howard Ring, Franz Redler (captain), Charles McCullough, Dessi Nesmith, Winston Price. (Row 2) Mr. Michael Angellillo (adviser), Elmer Gleubbs, Paul Ciarciello, Emmett Thomas, Virginia Gaines, Lawrence Seidman, Chuck Graham, Charles Mag, William Stellmacher, Richard Mattleson. (Row 3) Lawrence Faust, Joel Lubetkin, William McCarthy, James Menard, Evan Spencer and Michael Dunkley.*

*Dessi Nesmith and Charlie Mag work on a project.*







*The Photography Club includes (Row 1) Welton Betts, William Kennedy, Alton Carter. (Row 2) Glenn Black, Mr. Robert Guyon (adviser) and Alfred Bingham.*



*Phil Giller gets ready to deliver some equipment.*





*Right: The Letter Club includes (Row 1) Jeffrey Israel, John Peters, Sandra Carter, April Everett, Lorraine Hill, Raymond Rolando, Eddie Ware, Lance Powell. (Row 2) Johnny Cooley, Warren Parker, Allen Ryan, William McCarthy, Pat Adams, William Scott, James Muzzulin, Alfred Williams, Dennis Cole, David Rosenberg. (Row 3) Mr. Timothy Clifford (adviser), Anthony Brown, Dwaine Mighty, Tommie Hardy, Lawrence Seidman and Lee Hunt.*

*Far right: The Tap Club includes (Row 1) Deborah Johnson, Beverly Coleman, Irene Gouveia, Karen Williams, Mrs. Clara Lee (adviser), Cheryl Richmond, Adele Booker.*





# Fashion shows highlighted by Dance Club members

From the beginning of the year, the Modern Dance Club was taught the basic techniques of dancing. After the basics were down pat, the girls were able to learn the creative movements used for any of the creative dances that they planned to perform at concerts. The dancers also performed for interested outside organizations. For the first time at Weaver, The Modern Dance Club had a modern dance concert. It is hoped that this concert will become an annual event.

To join the Tap Club, no special requirements were needed. The organization was open to any interested girl. The Tap Club basically studies rhythmic techniques. The girls work with various forms of these techniques, as well as with syncopations. Adviser Mrs. Clara Lee stated she was very proud of both dance clubs and hoped to build up membership in the coming years. The Tap Club also performed at the Modern Dance concert, which was held in the spring.

The Letter Club is an organization to which all students who have earned varsity letters belong. This includes both boys and girls. Most girl members received their letters through cheer-leading. Many of the members in this club received awards at the annual sports assembly on January 27, 1970. In addition to its regular meetings, the Letter Club again attended its traditional outing with the Girls' Leader Corps at the end of the year.

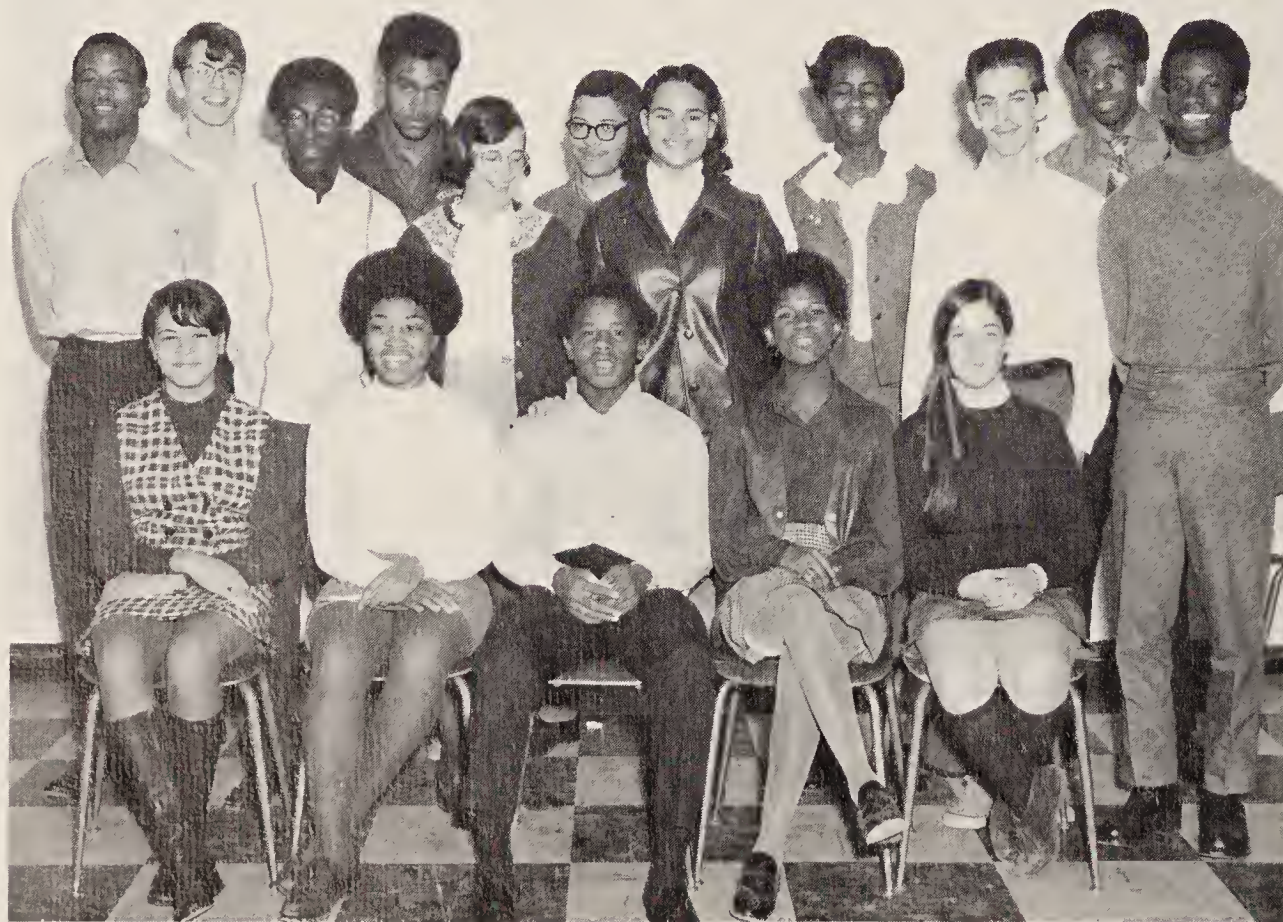
*The Dance Club consists of (Row 1) Miriam Torres (Secretary), Saundra Carter (President), Carolyn Martin. (Row 2) Aida Torres, Elaine Dawes. (Row 3) Irene Gouveia, Betty Hunt, Mrs. Clara Lee (adviser), Karen Williams, Lenora Nelson and Karia Jacobs.*



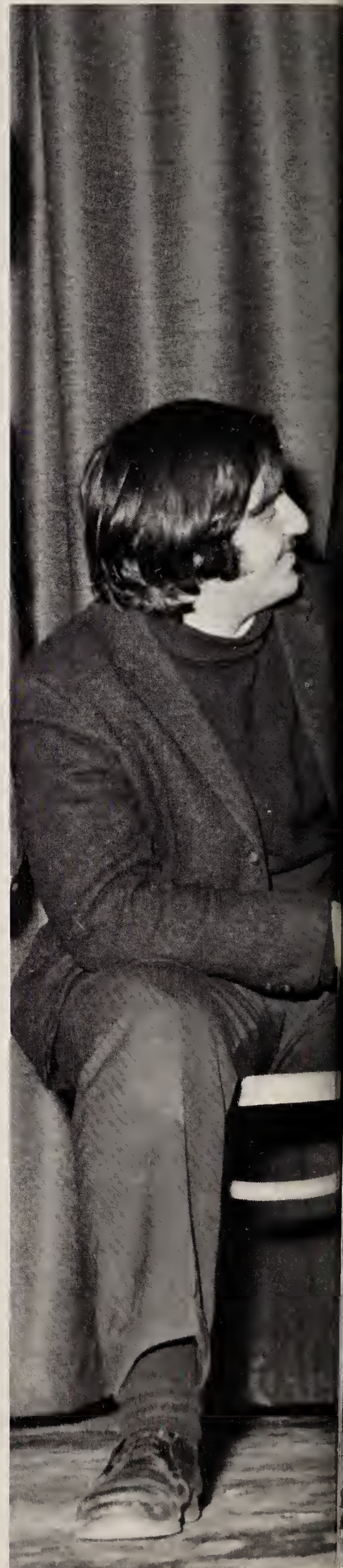




*The Drama Club consists of (Row 1) Bobby Williams. (Row 2) Benford Stellmacher, Debbie Dahlman, Arlene Michaels, Angela Brown, Kathy Zawalich, Dessi Nesmith, Charlie Mag, Winston Price. (Row 3) Debby Caskey, Valerie Dahlman, Donovan Leatham, Haig Papasian, Ken Clark, Mrs. Mary Gilbertson (adviser), Phil Giller, Bill Scott, Carlson Montgomery, Steve Giller, William Stellmacher, Kathy Greene, Ted Milling, and Paula Williams.*



*The CTP Club members include (Row 1) Lorrie Mounds, Cloret Richardson, Benford Stellmacher, Jackie Thorpe, Susan Feigenbaum. (Row 2) Ralph Knighton, Norman Arter, Mrs. Mary Gilbertson (adviser), Daphne Clinton, Phil Giller, Donovan Leatham. (Row 3) Steve Giller, Bill Scott, Eugene Seymour, Kathy Greene, and Craig Brockman.*





## Dramatic Club members stage works of Don Lee

The Drama Club explored new fields in experimental theater. The presentation included dramatic recitations of Don Lee's works and a one act play, "A Day of Absence." Having no script or direction for the dramatic versions of Lee's poems, the actors had to use their own creative ability to set the proper moods. The play is the reversal of white actors playing blacks; the black cast dons white make-up and plays white people.

The Contemporary Club spent most of its time on one main project, voter registration. From September to November, CTP members went from door to door throughout the North End trying to get all the people registered. Two Spanish speaking students from HPHS helped by translating the message for people who couldn't speak English.

On March 7, the World Affairs Club attended a Model United Nations. Weaver students represented the countries of England, Jamaica and Ethiopia. All problems were discussed from the viewpoint of the countries—not as Americans, and the students widened their knowledge of other countries by this experience.

*Haig Papasian and Miriam Torres take time from their skit to share a small joke, while Donovan Leatham looks on.*



*The World Affairs Club includes (Row 1) Marion Wallace, Errol Bowen, Cheryl Harold, Regina Lee, Donna Donaldson, Shirley McCall. (Row 2) Mr. Alan Rozinsky (adviser), Glenn Pertillar, Mary Hardman, Roberta Tenonek, Beatrice Walker, Dawn Llewellyn, Douglas Kay, William Kennedy, Earl Mallett, and Elmer Gruebbs.*



# Senior choir members solo at spring concert

Band director Mr. Robert Fillipone spent most of the year recruiting students to restore the organization. Mr. Fillipone opened to all students a beginner's course in preparing them to become future musicians. This gave the students the basic knowledge to play any musical instrument. After months of practice, the students became regular band members.

In May, the choir performed their annual spring concert, whose theme was "Spring Seventy." During the program some of the seniors performed solos. Cheryl Biggins sang a popular selection, "Oh Happy Day." William Addison and Lois Freeman sang "Bess, you is my woman" from the musical *Porgy and Bess*. Robert Schumann's "The Two Grendiers" and Dixon's "The Trumpeteer" were also sung by William Addison. A spiritual, "Set Down Servant" was sung by Kathy Whalen and Karen Shaw. The highlight of the evening was two selections from "Frostiana" by Robert Frost.

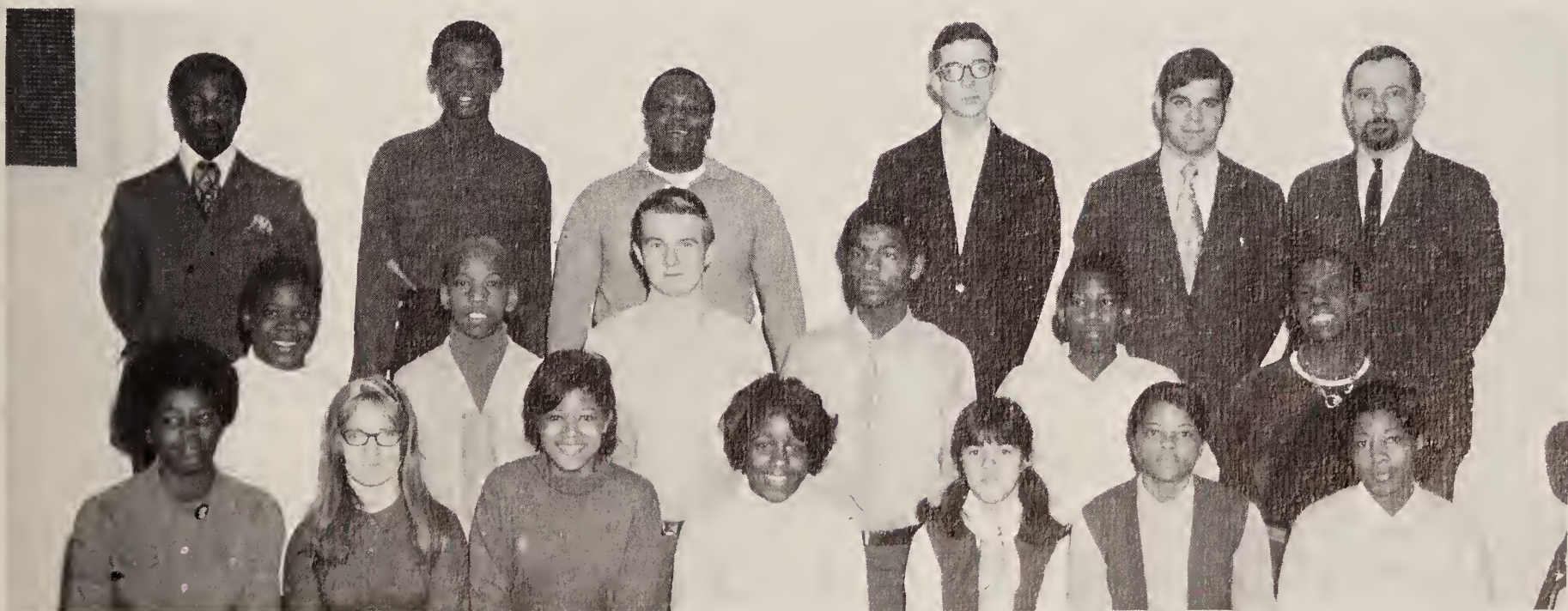
*Donna Rutland, Charlene Slater and Nancy Bartholomew practice on their clarinets.*

*The Choir includes (Row 1) Juanita Matthews, Lorraine Hill, Jacqueline Thorpe, Rhonda Register, Mary Beth Sposito, Denise Burton. (Row 2) Kathy Zawalich, Pauline Dawes, Lois Freeman, Darlene Patterson, Edyse Katz, Cheryl Biggins. (Row 3) Richard Thomas, William Addison, Jr., Nancy Newson, Karen Shaw, Lance Powell, Christopher Bruce, Theodore Milling, Jr., Hal Lichtenbaum and Mrs. Elizabeth Martin (adviser).*

*The Choir officers are Mary Beth Sposito, Kathleen Whalen, Rhonda Register and Juanita Matthews.*







Band consists of (Row 1) Angela Brown, Nancy Bartholomew, Donna Rutland, Deborah Johnson, Nancy Sobol, Rhonda Slater, Valerie Fyles. (Row 2) Lawrence Faust, Evan Spencer, William McCarthy (President), Alvin Bailey, Michael Spencer, Robert

Hales. (Row 3) Willie Richardson, Steven Hamlet, Winston Wilson, David Rosenberg, Jeffrey Israel and Mr. Robert Filippone (adviser).

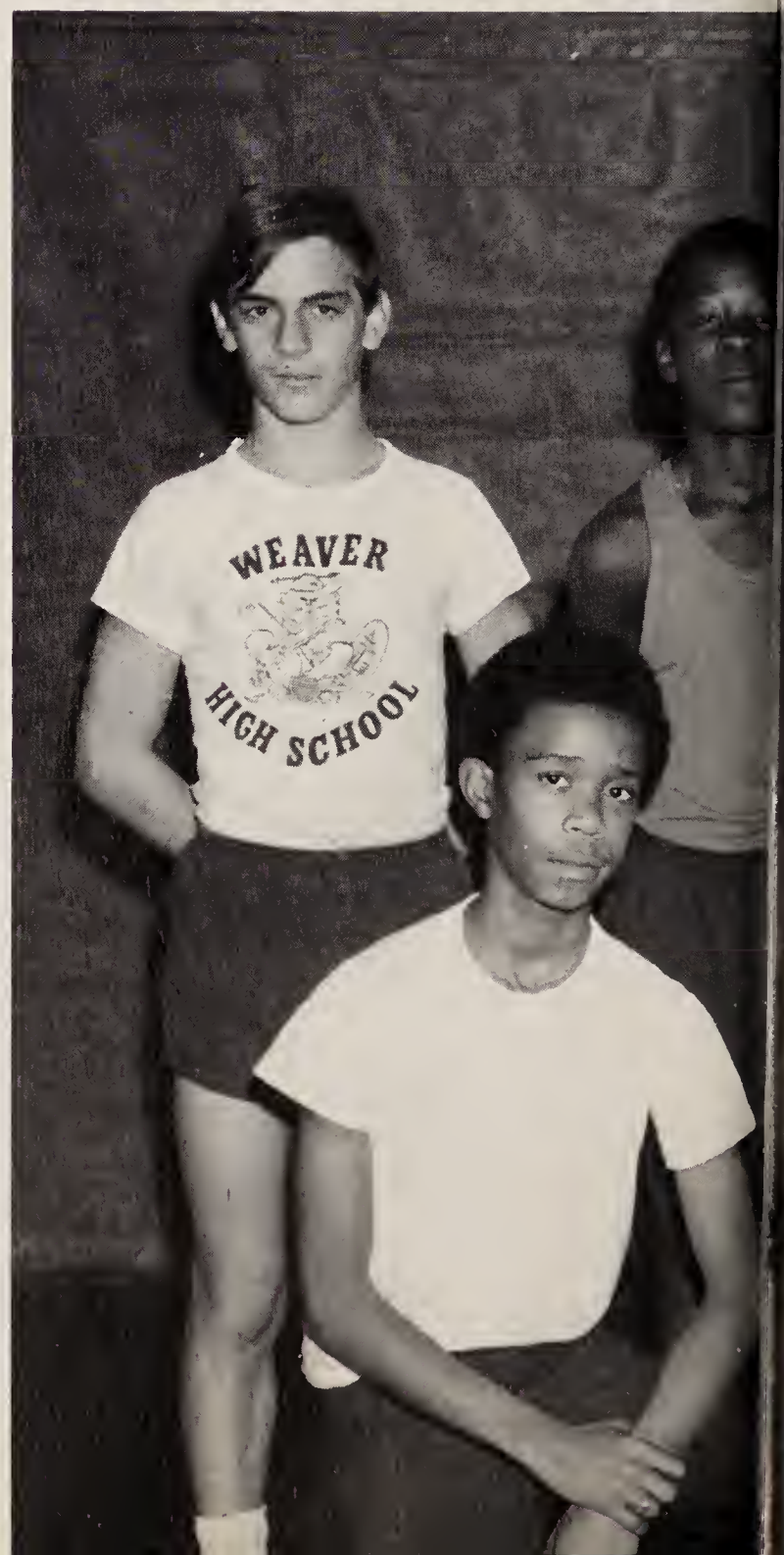




## Program given by G.L.C. for installation and awards

The main function of the Girls' Leader Corps is to assist during gym classes by taking care of equipment and attendance, as well as doing some actual teaching, but the girls are active in many activities. Many girls participate in after-school sports and some also go on to intramural competition in those which they excel. As with any other organization, the Corps is also involved with the usual fund raising. This year, the girls sold personalized stationery, shakers, and also had the traditional bake sales to help pay their bills. In March, the Corps installed about fifteen new girls at their annual assembly. During the assembly the girls described the various activities offered and the modern dance group performed. A reception of cake and punch for guests and senior Corps members followed the program.

The Boys' Leader Corps is more concerned with gymnastics than it is with teaching. These boys are all excellent athletes who spend many hours practicing different routines. The Corps got to show off its talents by performing during the half-time periods of local basketball team's, the Hartford Capitols, home games. The boys also participated at a gymnastic meet held in the spring.



*The Boys' Leader Corps includes (Row 1) Mr. John Lee (adviser). (Row 2) Anthony Cheney, Michael Dunkley, Howard Ring, Rodney Willis, Mike Francis, James Pickney. (Row 3) Paul Ciariciello, Terry Davis, Marvin Pretlow, Lloyd Cooper, Ralph Dumas and Lamont Foster.*





*The Girls' Leader Corps includes (Row 1) Cynthia Payne, Jeanette Johnson, Cynthia Newman, Adele Booker, JoAnn Washington, Cheryl Reynolds. (Row 2) Darlene Washington, Elaine Harris, Lorraine Hill, April Everett, Sandra Hoyle, Marcia Scott. (Row 3) Marilyn Moore, Sharon Reed, Kathy McKinney, Gretchen Hughes, Karen Williams and Collette Martin.*

*Far left: Eddie Ware, James Pinkney, Johnny Cooley, Mike Dunkley, Mike Francis and Jerome Betsy perform during half-time.*





# D.E.C.A. receives State Chapter of the Year title



*The Work Study seniors consist of (Row 1) Claire Pertillar, Althea Monts, Brenda Gordon, Mercedes Vega, Leceia Mein, Sandra Curry, Barbara Cody, Juanita Matthews. (Row 2) Patricia Coleman, Debbie Dahlman, Roberta Kendrick, Beatrice Walker, Carmen Gordon. (Row 3) Janice Williams, Shirley Chappelle, Joyce Dillard, Cleo Cotton, Nancy Newson, Amanda Dumas, Gladys Dillard, Dorothy Wilkes, Sheila Terry. (Row 4) Benjamin Andrade, Donna Frederick, Gloria Wilmer, Joyce Jackson, Barbara Haskell, Barbara McGhee, Michael Hogan, Plummer Carroll, Mark Rhue, William Stellmacher and Larry Owens.*

The Distributive Education program consists of three phases—classwork, partime jobs, and the DECA club. Retailing and wholesaling are interests of the members of the club. When the club began four years ago, there were twenty-three members. Today with ninety members, it is the largest club in the state. At this year's state convention, they received thirteen awards including best chapter. In addition, chapter and state president Robert Dunkley was named boy student of the year.

Work study is a program presently operating in the city's three high schools, involving over six hundred students. They work for various employers in private industry, such as banking, insurance and occupational state departments. Often they are offered their jobs after graduation. Others will use the money they have earned to attend college.

*Norman Arter, Ralph Knighton, Jackie Thorpe and Bob Dunkley listen to Mr. Murphy.*



*D.E.C.A. includes (Row 1) Ralph Knighton, Sylmerris Sutherland, Marion Wallace, Robert Dunkley, Hope Blade, Elaine Napper, Deborah McGee. (Row 2) Mr. Joseph Murphy, Larry Downing, John Laura, Diane Young, Kathy Kornbrath, Charlene Slater,*

*Brenda Gordon, Winifred Lambert, Edward Parker. (Row 3) Harry Lawrence, Everett Montgomery, Jonathan Fraser, Rosemary Gordon. (Row 5) Sherman James, Gary Johnson, Dennis Dunlap, Sam James and Norman Arter.*

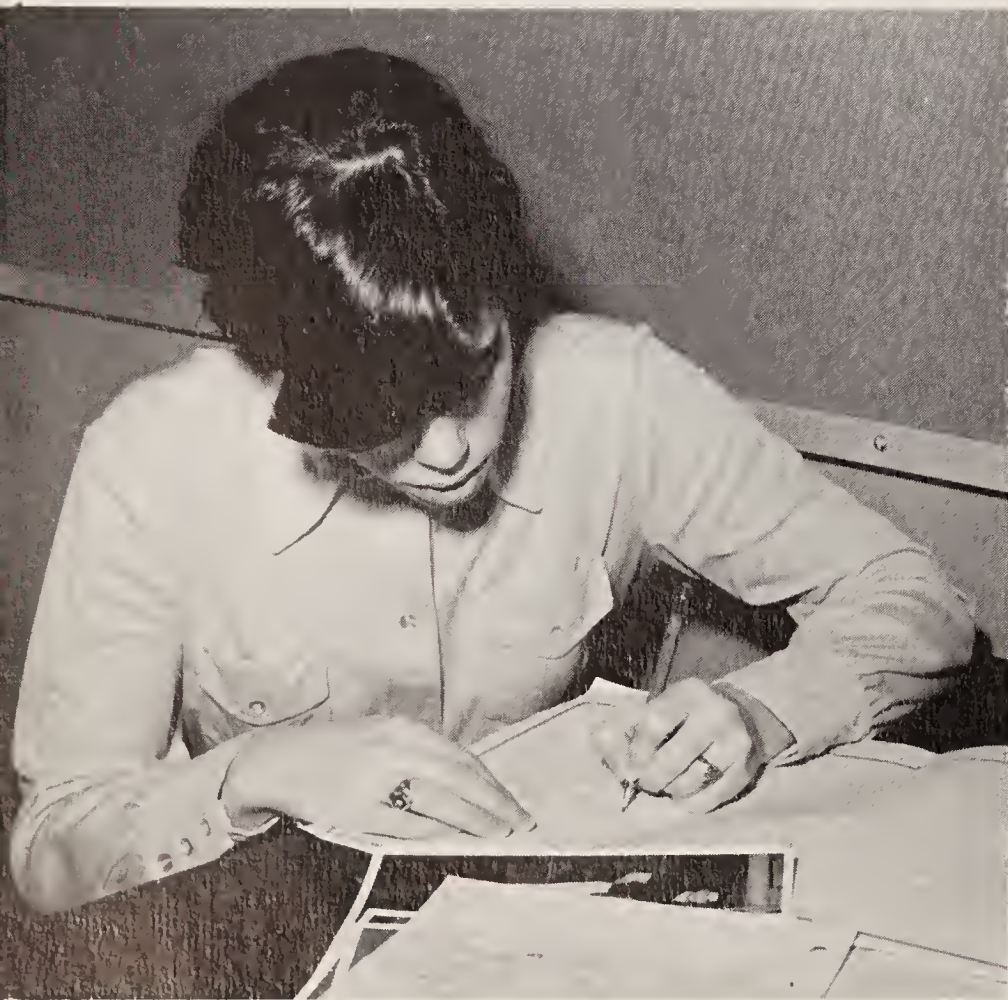






## *Portal* staff operates in new headquarters

Every *Portal* staff has been beset by problems, but this year's workers probably had a few more to overcome. In the first part of the year, the *Portal* found themselves without an office, and had to operate out of the library. Finally, however, the school pulled through with a new three-part room to be shared by the *Portal*, *Lookout*, and Student Council. Other less unusual problems were encountered; such as shortage of funds, and the huge problem of trying to please every senior. *Portal* '70 is the first yearbook which was entirely under the leadership of students who had already served on the staff for one or more years. Editor-in-chief Gloria McCree and four other students were veteran staff members. All those serving as editors had been trained thoroughly in past years and, therefore, could get right into the work of making a book and teaching others. Striving for the best possible quality, the staff requested that Loring Studios take all pictures for the book. Working virtually day and night, the staff has certainly done the best possible job and hope that they have produced a book that will satisfy everyone.



*During activity period, Managing Editor, Yona Roznar, copies a layout for publication.*







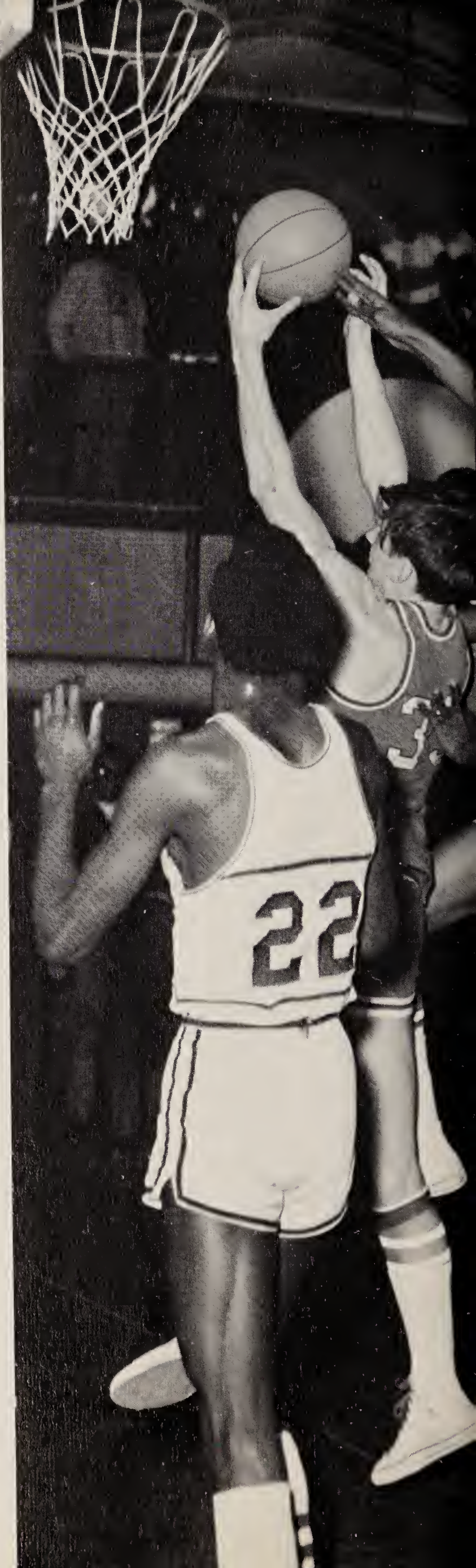
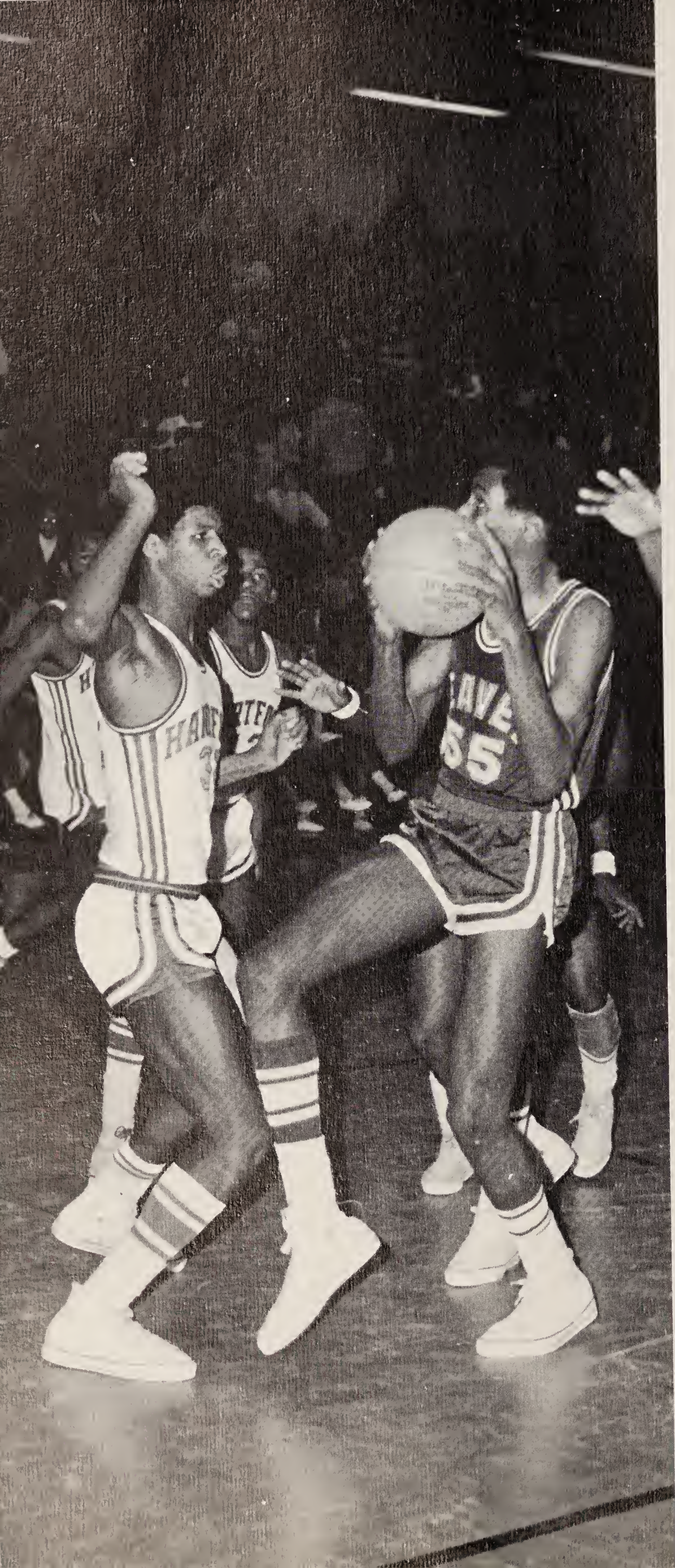
*The Portal Editorial Board includes (Row 1) Cynthia Bingham, Bonnie Abel, Yona Roznar, Gloria McCree (Editor-in-chief), Susan Finkel, Myra Sobol. (Row 2) Cynthia Newman, Valeria Thompson, Marcia Scott, Dezaree Pines, Juanita McBride, Gretchen Hughes. (Row 3) Kathy Zawalich, James Edwards, Alvin Bailey, Welton Betts, Alton Carter, Al Bingham, and Miss Kathleen Gallagher (adviser).*



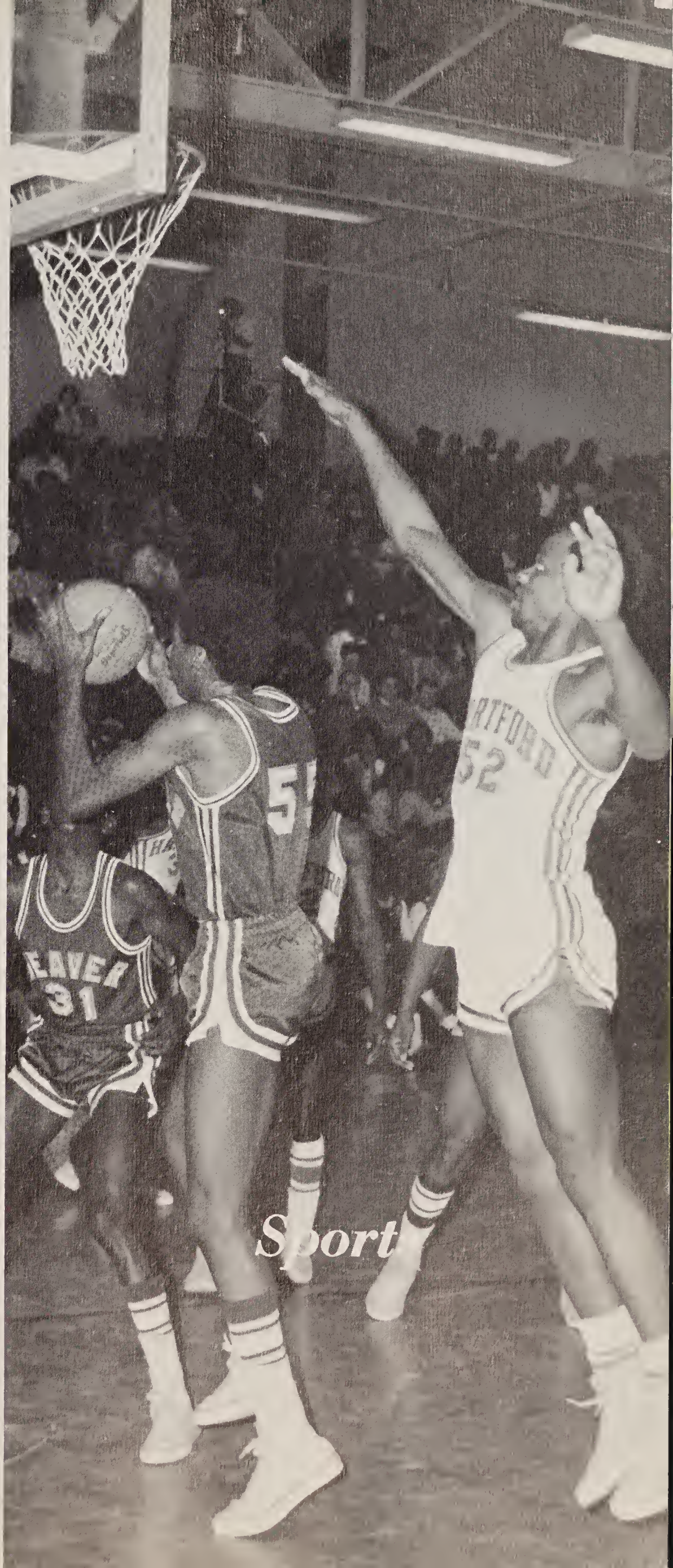
*Myra Sobol checks the layout pages.*

*Gloria McCree and Sandy Daley discuss a layout.*











# Beavers finish on top in CDC

The '69 football season was a very fine one for the Beavers. The Jamboree took its usual turn with Bulkeley and Weaver taking a victory over East Hartford and Hartford. The outlook for the season seemed dubious when Weaver dropped its opener to Norwich, 7 to 6. The "Green and White" went on to assert itself as "champs" by winning all of their remaining games. The traditional Turkey Day game, which climaxed the season, ended in a 30-6 victory over H.P.H.S. The Beavers wound up the season by clinching first place honors in the Capitol District Conference and City Series. They won third place honors in statewide competition. Coach Ted Knurek stated that the team could have been in first place easily. The team was led by co-captains Bobby Williams and Claude Curry. Jim Pertillar won many honors, including the Back of the Year, the M.V.P., the Times Player of the Week, and the WPOP Player of the Week awards. In addition, Pertillar was elected to both the All-City and All-CDC squad. Bobby Williams and Lance Powell were named to both squads also.

*Jim Pertillar struggles to keep the ball.*

*The Football Team includes (Row 1) Ray Rolando, Billy Scott, Willie Royster, Gary Johnson, Claude Curry, Bob Williams, Ed Ware, Michael Francis, Larry Bell, Aubrey Johnson, Dwaine Mighty. (Row 2) Mr. Sandy Roth (coach), Larry Walton, Howard Marcus, Emmet Thomas, Walter Tullis, Lance Powell, Calvin Branch, Jim Pertillar, Maurice Wright, Chuck Knight, Mr. Edward Knurek (head coach). (Row 3) Mr. Edward Sevetz (coach), Carl Wright, Billy Road, Lawrence Spence, James Miller, Calvin Turner, Lloyd Smith, Roosevelt Delaney, Phil Hansley, Skip Johnson. (Row 4) James Chisel, Jerry Carr, Melvin Smith, Raymond King, Donald Smith, Alex Gamara, James Pinkney, Michael Wood, Kevin Odoms. (Row 5) Ed Green, Errol Malek, Larry Stephenson, Derek Waterman, James Robinson and Tim Mathis.*

*Gary Johnson forces his way to score a touchdown.*







### SCOREBOARD

<i>Weaver</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
6	16 Norwich
16	12 New Britain
20	6 Fitch
40	22 New London
28	0 East Hartford
42	0 Bulkeley
22	8 Enfield
30	6 H.P.H.S.





*The Fellowship of Christian Athletes includes (Row 1) Lance Powell, William Scott. (Row 2) Mr. Walter Hurley and Mr. John Lee (adviser).*



## Cheerleaders jump into air in support of Beavers

The sounds of "Let's Go Beavers" or "Weaver High is mellow" echo from the gym every morning as the cheerleaders diligently practice. Captain April Everett and Co-Captain Saundra Carter led the squad in practice sessions as well as on the field. The cheerleaders have always brought spirit and pride to Weaver High School and this year was no exception. Their energy never seems to run out as they lead the student body in cheering the team on to victory. During the time out and half-time periods, the girls perform their strenuous routines, always trying to do their very best for all the Beaver fans. The students of Weaver High School should be very proud of their cheerleaders.

Another pleasant addition to basketball and football games was the Drill Team's performances during half-time. After being absent for a year, the girls reorganized the team, and proved to be better than ever. The Drill Team also represented Weaver by marching in both the Veterans Day and Memorial Day Parades. This year, the team had twenty members and was led by Colonel Rosalind Lee. The group is brought together in military fashion with ranks ranging from private to colonel. Roz hopes that this time the Drill Team will become a permanent part of Weaver High School.

*The Drill Team includes (Row 1) Dorothy Dargan (captain), Renneah Martin (major). (Row 2) Harriet Wilson, Sharon Reed, Alice Wilkes. (Row 3) Gwen Seals, Gloria Carter, Dawn Dumas,*

*Dorothy Wilkes, Michele Hughes, (second lieutenant), Denise Jones and Mrs. Marilyn Strong.*





*The Majorettes consist of (Row 1) Belinda Hall, Delores Wilson. (Row 2) Vanessa Cotton, Miss Sherilynn Willis (adviser) and Janina Watkins.*

*The Cheerleaders consist of (Row 1) April Everett (captain), Sandy Carter. (Row 2) Donna Jones, Lorraine Hill, Karen Williams. (Row 3) Carla Mounds, Ramona Cortes, Pat Adams, Kathy McKinney and Elaine Dawes.*







*Right: The Soccer Team includes (Row 1) Maurice Robertson, Earl Chammer, Curtis Richardson, Horace Salmon, Hugh Whittingham. (Row 2) Joe Fong, Jeff Israel, Chet Zawalich, David Spikes, James Gaul. (Row 3) Ruben Gomez, Winston Penant, Dwight Dowel, Billy Glowes, Doug Kowe, Carlile Simms. (Row 4) Mr. John Lambert and Mr. James Snyder.*

*Far right: The wrestling team consists of (Row 1) Edmond Green, Michael Francis, Curtis Richardson, Jeffrey Gripper, James Harrison. (Row 2) Lamont Foster, Dwight Dayle, James Chisholm, Alton Carter, Richard Coleman, Larry Riley. (Row 3) Mr. Phillip Kearney (coach), Roy Williams, James Delaine, George Montgomery, Lemon Coleman and Harry Riley.*







## Beaver wrestling team enters first year of inter-school play

Not all teams have the following that the basketball and football teams do, but there are many students representing Weaver in sports all the time. Even without the big crowds, these boys try very hard to make Weaver High the victor in competition. Two sports which fall under this category are soccer and a new addition to competitive sports, wrestling.

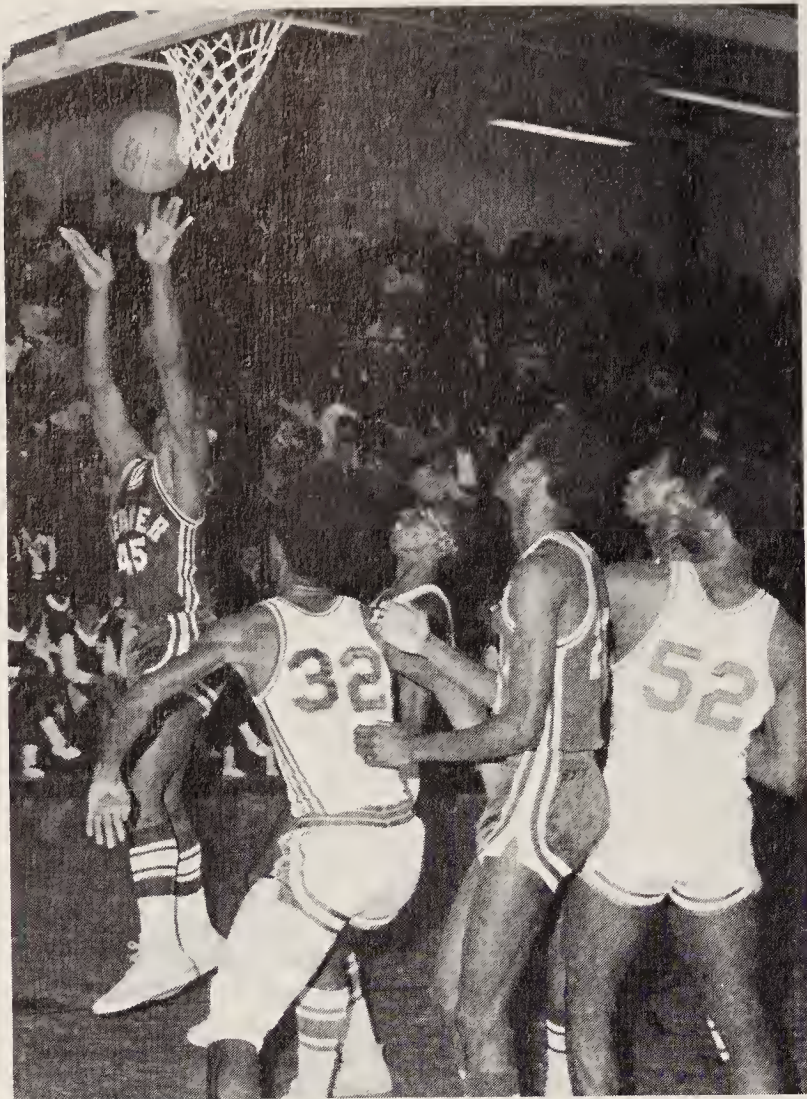
The soccer team, captained by Curtis Richardson and coached by Mr. John Lambert, scored two wins during the season. However, the team gave a much finer performance than the record shows. The team was aided by the excellent scoring abilities of senior co-captain David Spikes. David was backed by the efforts of Chester Zawalich and veteran Carlile Simms. In spite of its losing record, the soccer team exhibited a strong defense, especially on the part of senior Jeffrey Israel. In meeting with stronger opponents, such as Hartford Public High School and Bulkeley High School, the Beavers put on fine performances of stamina and endurance.

Wrestling is the newest sport to become available to Weaver students. Although wrestling had been played in previous years, this year was the first year of competition held with other schools in the surrounding area. Weaver's wrestling team was actually classified as Junior Varsity, but it competed as a varsity squad. With the exception of Jeffrey Gripper, Michael Francis, and Captain Curtis Richardson, all the team's wrestlers were newcomers to the sport. Michael Francis scored very highly in the state sectionals. The team's record as a whole was not outstanding; but based on excellent individual performances, the members of the Weaver High wrestling team are confident that a bright future lies ahead for them.

*Carlile Simms moves toward the ball during a soccer game.*







Owen Mahown scores two points in the Weaver-Hartford game.

SCOREBOARD

<i>Weaver</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
81	63 Enfield
109	61 East Hartford
81	58 Fitch
71	76 South Catholic
71	74 New Britain
98	106 New London
90	45 Bulkeley
76	57 Enfield
89	84 Norwich
72	92 New Britain
69	55 Bulkeley
76	68 East Catholic
71	92 H.P.H.S.
72	40 Fitch
58	63 Norwich
77	60 East Hartford
62	64 H.P.H.S.
62	68 New London

Myron Goggins moves in for a close shot.





# Hoopsters end year with 11-7 mark



*Dennis Mink shoots for a basket.*

The 1969-70 basketball season was a fairly successful one for Weaver. Coach John Lambert led his Beavers to a 10-6 record in the CDC and 11-7 overall. Weaver opened its season with a win over Enfield, 81-63. The first defeat came at the hands of South Catholic, 76-71. Probably the most exciting game of the season was an 89-84 overtime win over Norwich. Myron Goggins, who was a menace on defense, led a defensive team which gave up an average of 68.8 points per game. Captain Al Williams paced an offense that averaged 77.6 points per game. The team lost both games to arch-rival Hartford Public. Hartford won the first game by an overwhelming score of 92-72. The second game was a real thriller at 64-62. Weaver drew Hillhouse in the first game of the tournament. Hillhouse won that game by a score of 80-65. A name for this year's team would be "courageous".

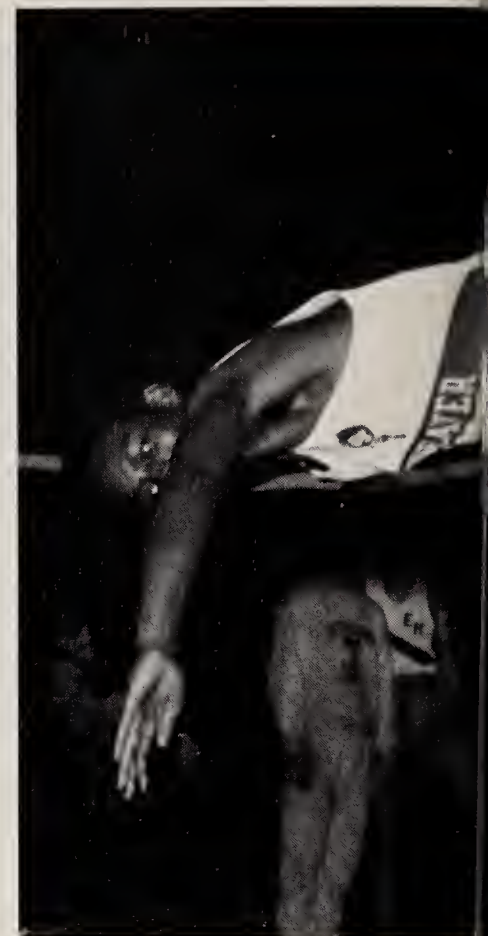


*The Basketball Team consists of (Row 1) Vincent Hylton James Miller, Herbert Johnson, Alfred Williams, Lee Hunt, Keith Morgan, Rufus Oten. (Row 2) Carlton Watson (manager), David Tyson, Tommy Davis, Myron Goggins, Dennis Mink, Maurice Wright, Mr. John Lambert (head coach).*





*The Cross-Country Team includes (Row 1) Keith Sheets, Vincent Hylton, Herbert Johnson, Lee Hunt, Dennis Cole, Tommie Hardy, Charles Barrows. (Row 2) Evan Spencer, Alfred Williams, Lemon Coleman, Owen Mahown, Michael Scotchman, Tom Burns, Preston Williams. (Row 3) Mr. Colin Wilson (coach), Tony Ward, Sam Jones and Franz Redler (manager).*



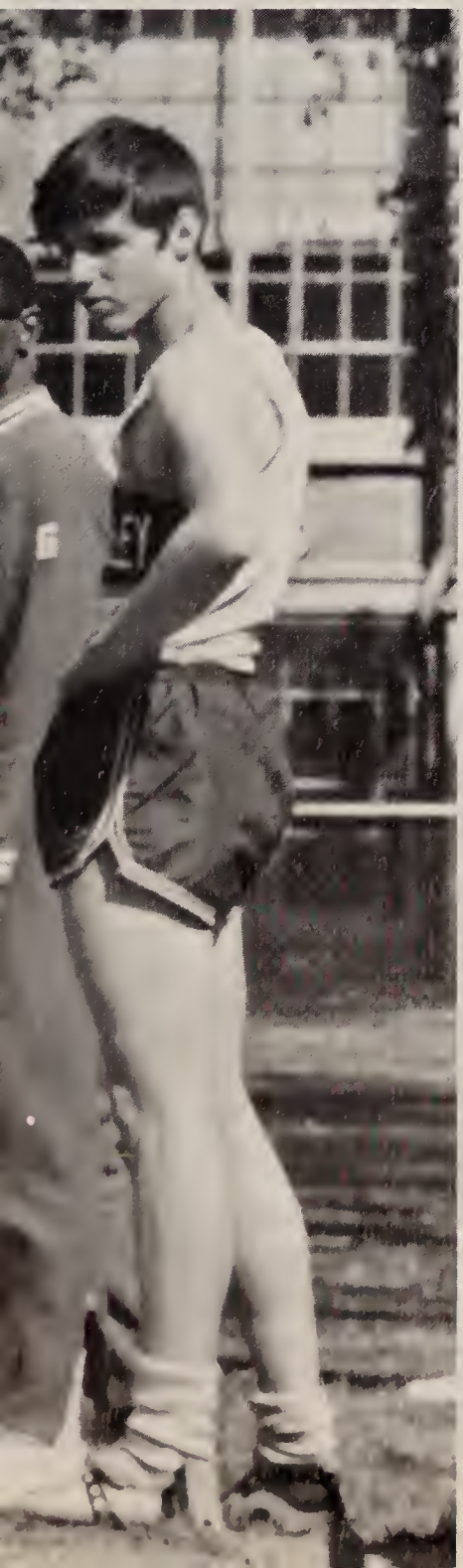
*Donald Harvey clears the bar.*







The Track Team consists of (Row 1) Jimmy Gaines, Ray King, Tom Burns, Derek Waterman, Robert Green, Alan Ryan, Harold Dixon. (Row 2) Jeffrey Isabel, Bobby Walker, Desmond Williams, Chet Zawulich, Don Jenkins, Keith Meirez, Bill Scott, Charles Hill. (Row 3) Donald Harvey, Desmond Samone and Michael Robertson.



## Teams clear goals in varsity meets

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Weaver	Opponent
45	15 New Britain
50	15 Fitch
49	15 Norwich
46	15 New London
50	15 East Hartford
45	15 H.P.H.S.
28	29 Bulkeley

### INDOOR TRACK

Weaver	Opponent
35	60 Pulaski
40	55 East Hartford
40	55 Penny
58	36 Bulkeley
35	60 H.P.H.S.

Although the Weaver track team did not score many victories in its meets, many outstanding individual performances were recorded. For instance, Robert Green placed first in the sixty-yard dash in the state championships held during the spring. The relay team also gave a fine showing by placing third in the state. A strong addition to the squad was Keith Meirez, who was the best all-around participant in track. Keith won his very first race at one thousand yards at a meet held at the University of Connecticut. He also won the long jump in his first try. Many of the track participants will be returning for an improved team.

Another running sport offered at Weaver is the cross country team. This activity involves running over a course which is between 2.6 and 3.1 miles in distance. The course involves all kinds of terrain: streets, sidewalks, mud, and water. Obstacles such as tree barricades may also be set up to make the race more difficult. Weaver's top three runners in the cross country were Vincent Hylton, Herbert Johnson, and Lee Hunt.

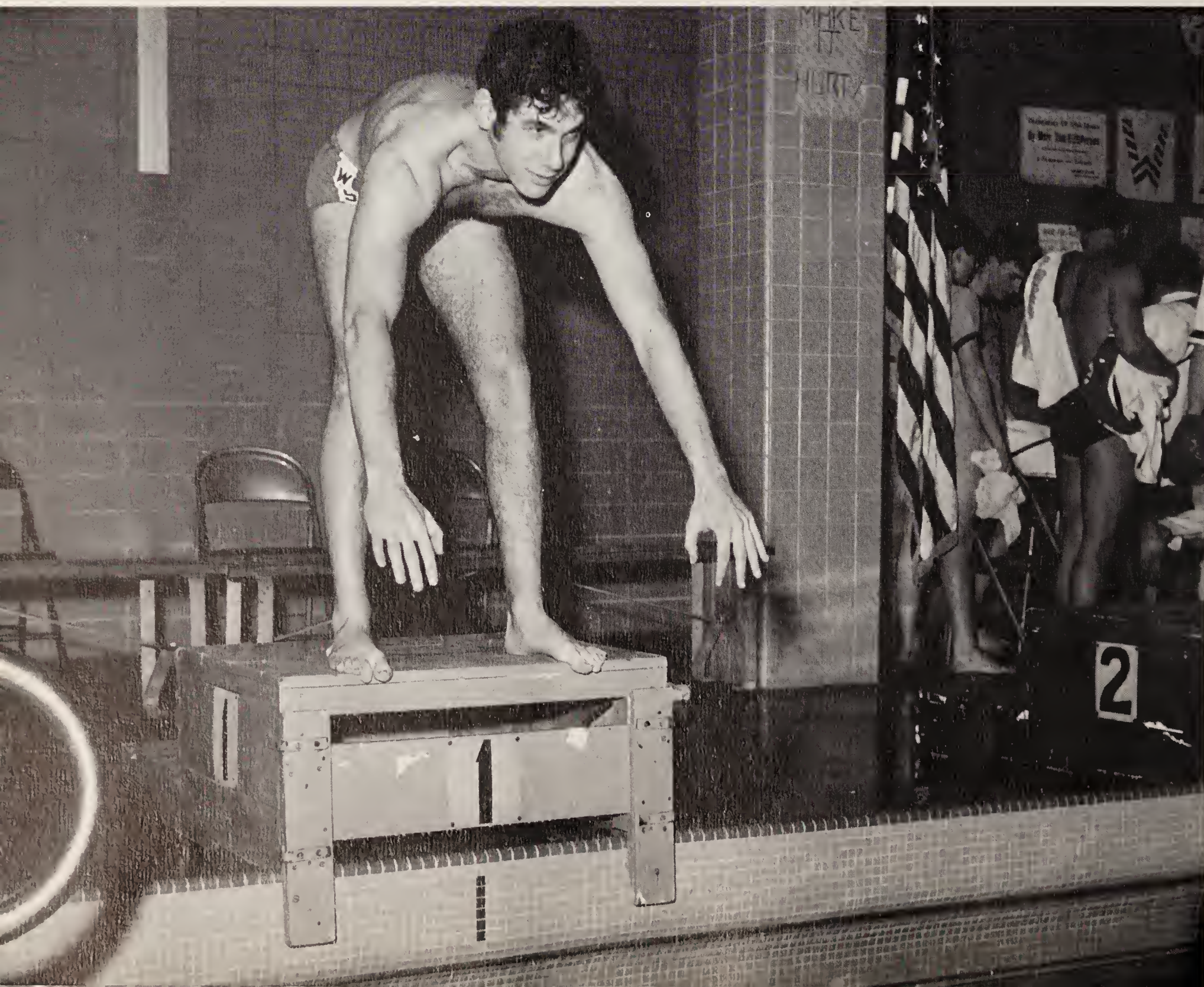
Alan Ryan competes in an all-city meet.



*Right: The Swim Team consists of Ronald Protasewich, Lance Powell, Glenn Pertillar and Robert Protasewich.*

*Far right: The Tennis Team includes Mr. Gilbert Stuart (coach), Hugh Tamaren, Charles McCullough, Jeff Frank, Steve Giller and David Rosenberg.*

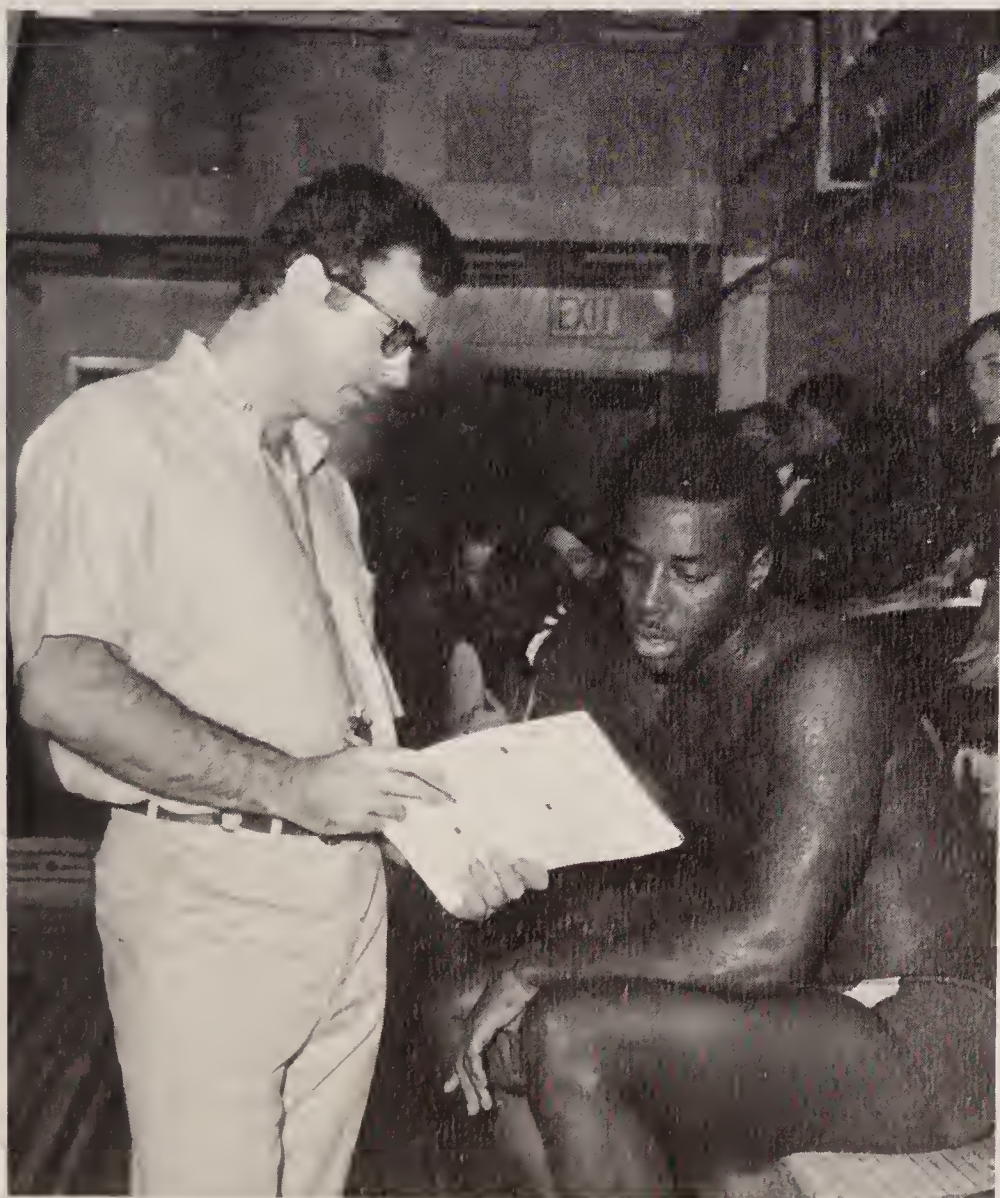
*Below: Arthur Pomerantz gets ready for the race.*







## Weaver swim team splashes in school competition



*Coach Robert Downes checks statistics with Lance Powell.*

Sports have always been a favorite pastime at Weaver and swimming is no exception. The Weaver swim team put in one of its finest seasons this year, placing ninth in the L division state championship, under the lead of Coach Robert Downes. Several team members did quite well in competition with rival city teams as well as with surrounding area high schools. Individually, Captain Lance Powell continuously displayed his exceptional skills and, as a result of his talents, he became the top breast stroker in the state. Lance also was a triple winner in a meet with Woodrow Wilson High.

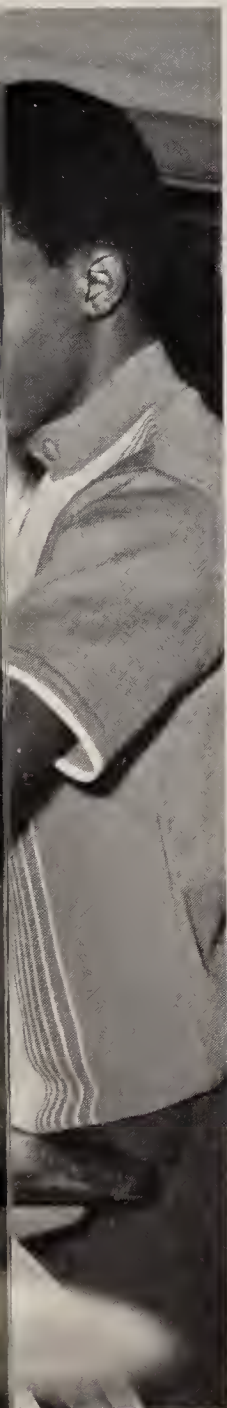
The Tennis Team began its practice sessions in mid-March. Led by senior David Rosenberg and sophomore Jeff Frank, the team held its first match on April 2. The team's inexperience was overcome by the members' determination and willingness to learn and the result was a successful season.

Although these teams have neither a showcase of trophies in their homes nor a list of victories to show for their work, they have represented their school admirably. The aquamen and tennis players may not have always been victors, but their determination, skill, and endurance are qualities of which Weaver can be proud.









## Seniors

**SEARCHING:** Seeking a new identity.

As we made the transition from freshman to sophomore to junior and finally to senior, we have all tried to find out just who we are. Many of us leave Weaver still uncertain, but each of us has certainly strengthened our character somewhat. Every one of us has been forced to make decisions that have partially determined what we will be in the future. We have had to decide between a college or vocational career, and further we had to choose a particular field of study or work to venture into. Yet for all our decisions, most of us are still not sure exactly what we are or will be. We are more mature and more responsible than we were four years ago; this added maturity is certainly a big first step in discovering our place in life. Weaver has provided us with the tools we required to take this first step, and we should always remember this, along with the more concrete gains we obtained in high school.

*Far Lefts Jennifer Fraser writes out a stencil.*

*Center: The printing machine is used by Leroy Washington.*

*Left: William McCarthy practices his golf swing.*





BONNIE ABEL



WILLIAM ADDISON



CARYL ARMSTRONG



ROSE BAKER

## Seniors "Do Your Thang"



GLORIA BIBB



CHERYL BIGGINS



CYNTHIA BINGHAM



ADELE BOOKER



CARL BOOKER



CRAIG BROCKMAN



ANGELA BROWN



ANTHONY BROWN





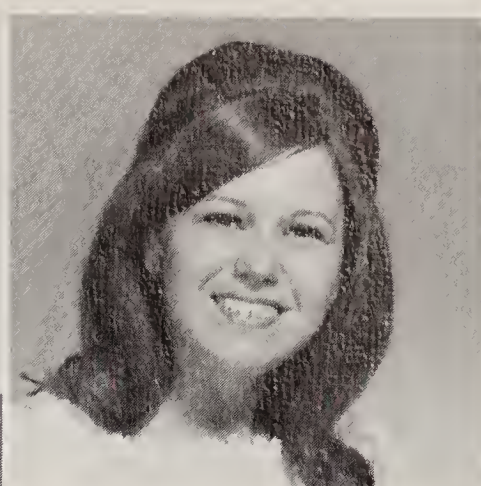
ELLA MAE BARNES



CRYSTAL BELL



LARRY BELL



JOANN BETTENCOURT

## at afternoon dance



*Drummer Carl Booker and his band kept everyone moving at the senior dance.*





VEETER BROWN



CHRISTOPHER BRUCE

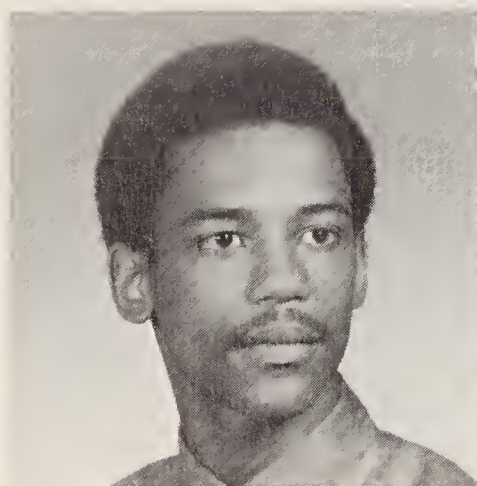


THOMAS BURNS



DENISE BURTON

## Addison, Bingham, Chappelle, Jones



PLUMMER CARROLL



CALVIN CARTER



SAUNDRA CARTER



WALLACE CARTER



JOHNNY COOLEY



GLORIA COOPER



ROOSEVELT COOPER JR.



LORRAINE COPELAND





CAROLYN CAMBY



DONA CAMPBELL



WILLIAM CARBONI



JERRY CARR

## and Pertillar head Senior Class



SHIRLEY CHAPPELLE



BARBARA CODY



DENNIS COLE



PATRICIA COLEMAN



SUSAN CORRIGAN



CLEO COTTON



LEVONNE CRAIG



JOY CRAWLEY





SANDRA CROOMS



CLAUDE CURRY



SANDRA CURRY



DEBORAH DAHLMAN

## Pearl Gant's fashion designs



ROOSEVELT DELAINE



GEORGINA DIAZ



SANTITA DIAZ



GLADYS DILLARD



CARL DOWNER



LARRY DOWNING



LAUREN DUHART



AMANDA DUMAS





MARIE DAIGLE



BETTY DARBY



PAULINE DAWES



JOYCE DEEP

displayed in lobby



JOYCE DILLARD



DEBORAH DIXON



CHARLES DOGANS



DENISE DOWDELL



ROBERT DUNKLEY



ARLENE DYOUS



MYRNA EBANKS



JAMES EDWARDS





FRANCES ELLISON



RENEE EVANS



APRIL EVERETT



IRENE EVERETT

## Emmanuel Synagogue is site



*Norman Arter dances with his date at the Junior Prom.*



BRENDA FOSTER



DOROTHY GOLDMAN

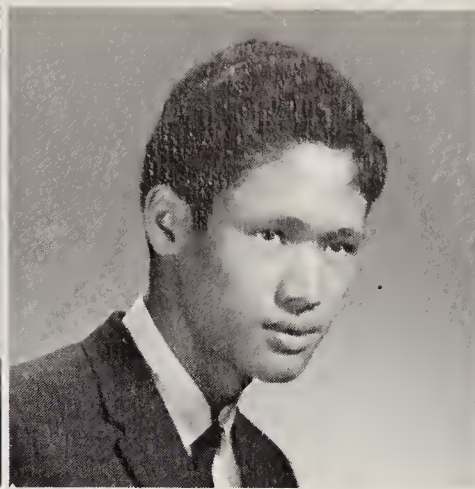




SUSAN FINKEL



DWIGHT FLEMING



MILTON FONG



JOAN FORDE

## of April's Junior Prom



LOIS FREEMAN



DEBORAH FYLES



PEARL GANT



PHILLIP GILLER



BRENDA GORDON



CARMEN GORDON



PAULA GORDON



ROSEMARY GORDON





MARY GRAY



DOUGLAS GREEN



EDMUND GREEN

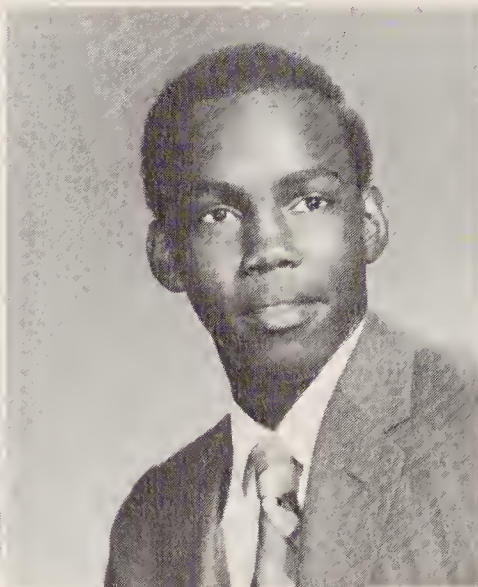


KATHERINE GREENE

## Lance Powell holds



DEBORAH HARTFIELD



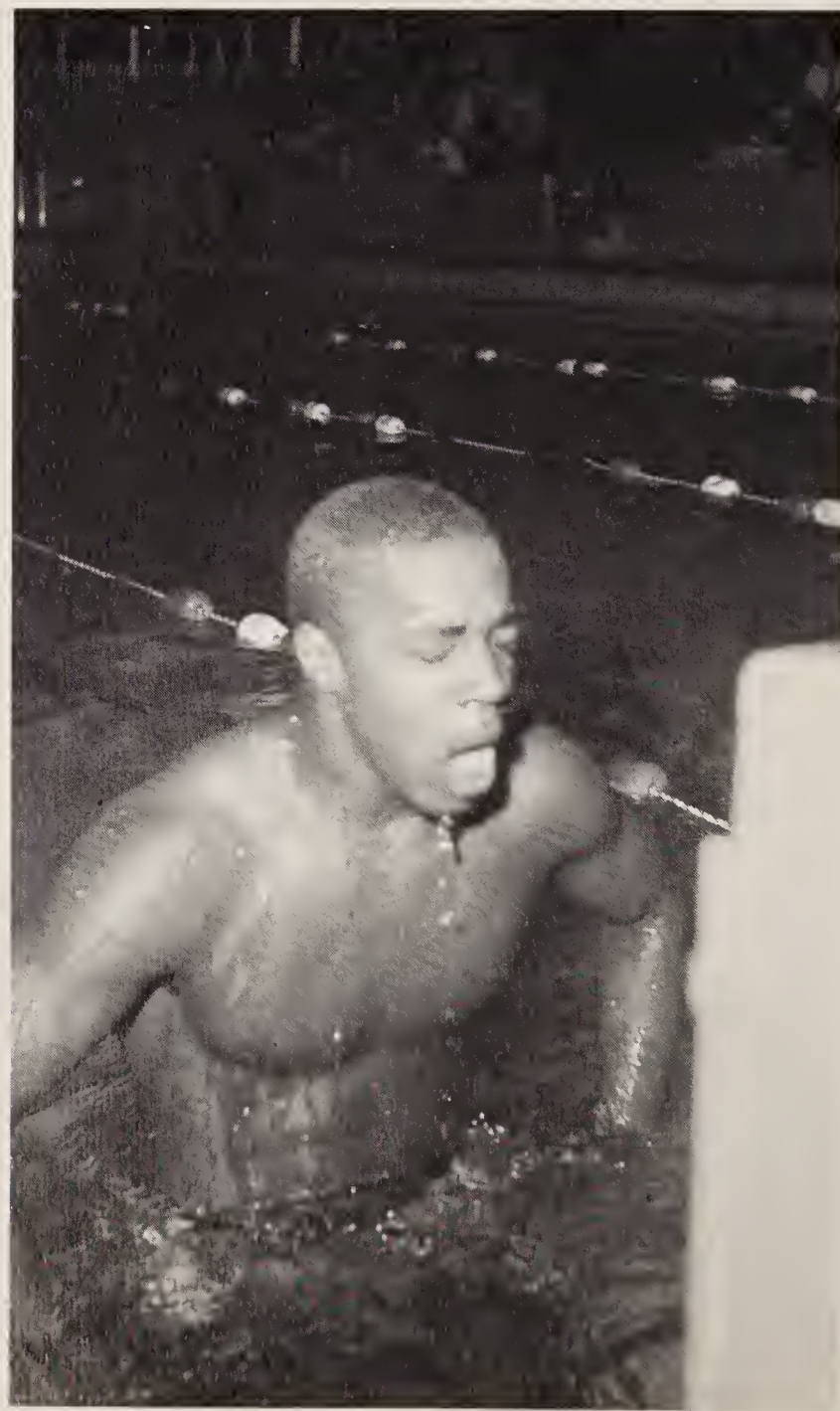
DONALD HARVEY



CHARLES HILL



LORRAINE HILL



*Lance Powell finishes first in swim competition.*





WILLIAM HARDIN JR.



TOMMIE HARDY



CHERYL HAROLD



ELAINE HARRIS

## state breast-stroke title



BARBARA HASKELL



MARY HASLAM



DEBORAH HATHAWAY



EDNA HERNDON



CAROLYN HITE



JULIA HOLLIDAY



LEONARD HOLLOWAY



MICHELE HUGHES





LEE HUNT



GEORGIA HURSTON



JEFFREY ISRAEL



JOYCE JACKSON

## Students campaign for favorite



JULIE JOHNS



ADONICA JOHNSON



HERBERT JOHNSON



MARY JOHNSON



DONNA JONES



FLOZELL JONES



ROSE MARIE JOYNER



LISA KANNOF





HERMAN JAMES



SAMUEL JAMES



SHERMAN JAMES



VALERIE JENKINS

## candidates in local elections



RENEE JOHNSON



TIMOTHY JOHNSON



BRENDA JOINER



BEVERLY JONES



EDYSE KATZ



ALACIA KEARSE



ROBERTA KENDRICK



WILLIE KENDRICK

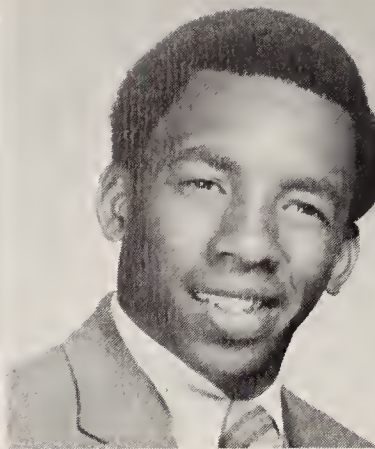




EDRIS KENNEDY



RAYMOND KING



OSWALD KNIGHT



RALPH KNIGHTON

## Students spend spring



HARRY LAWRENCE



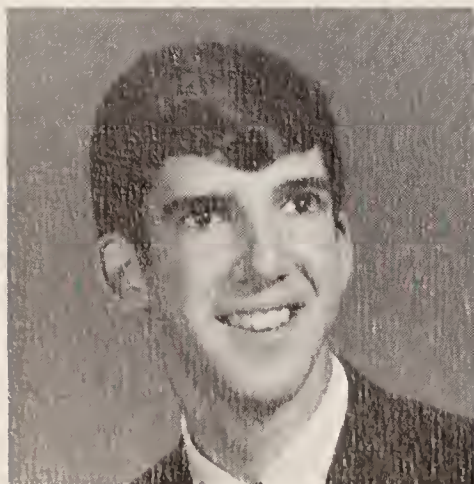
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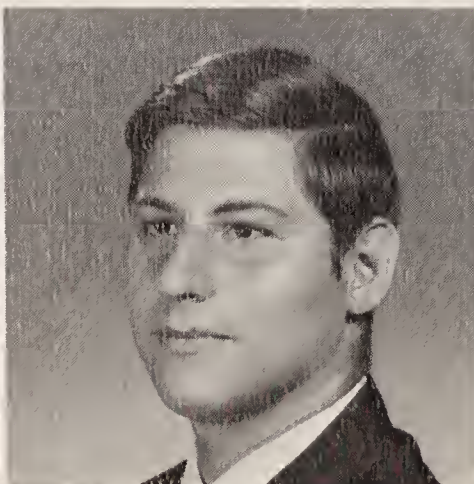
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CELESTE LEON



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DAVID MASTRONARDE





KATHLEEN KORNBATH



ROBERT KUBICK



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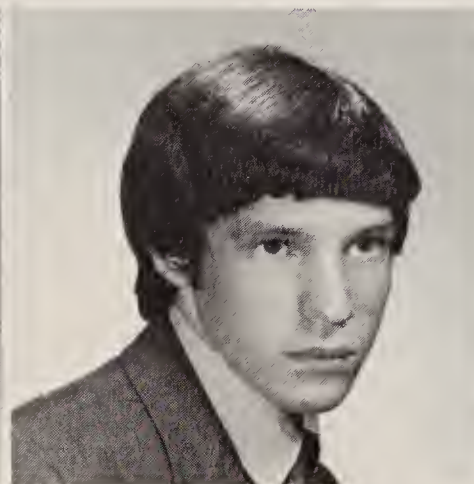


ERNEST LAPOINTE

## vacation in Rome



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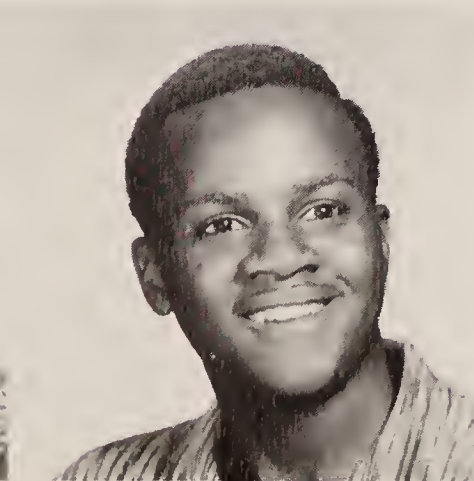
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PAUL LLEWELLYN



ELLEN MATHIS



JAKE MATHIS



JESSIE MATTHEWS



JUANITA MATTHEWS





RICHARD MATTLESON



WILLIAM McCARTHY



GLORIA McCREE



GREGORY McFARLAND

## Weaver contingent attends Harper's Ferry



ELAINE McLIN



LECEIA MEIN



MARILYN MELLUZZO



DWAINE MIGHTY



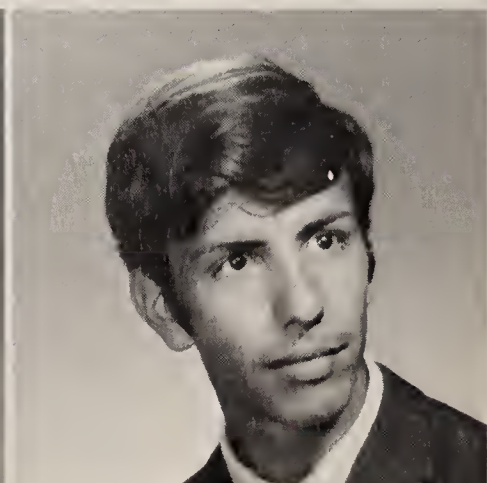
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ALTHEA MONTS



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BEVERLY McGARRAH



BARBARA MCGHEE



LOCKSLEY MCGREGOR

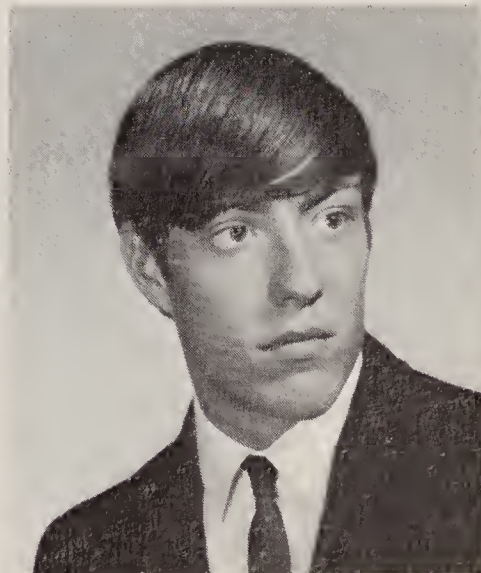


KATHLEEN McLACHLAN

## conference on student unrest



*Donavan Leatham participates in a fishbowl, a discussion technique learned at Harper's Ferry.*

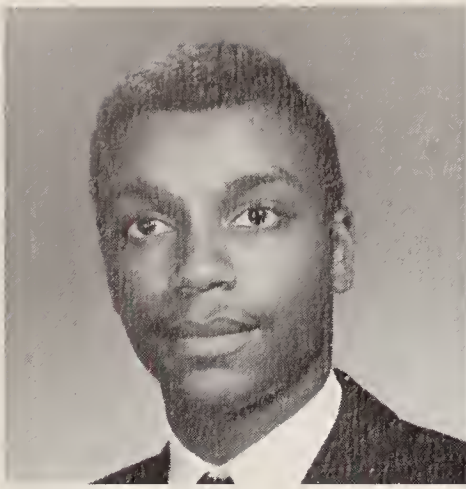


PAUL MILLER



ELOISE NAPPER





DESSI NESMITH



HAROLD NEWELL



CYNTHIA NEWMAN



NANCY NEWSON

## Seven Beavers given positions



HAIG PAPASIAN



GARY PARKER



DARLEAN PATTERSON



THELMA PERRY



JOHN PETERS



DIANE PHILLIPS



ARTHUR POMERANTZ



ALICE POPE





BERTHA OLIVER



MARION OSMAN



PATRICIA OWENS



DOROTHY PANARO

## on All-City Football Team



*Players take a break during a game.*



CLAIRE PERTILLAR



VIRGINIA PERTILLAR



LANCE POWELL



DORCAS RAMSEUR





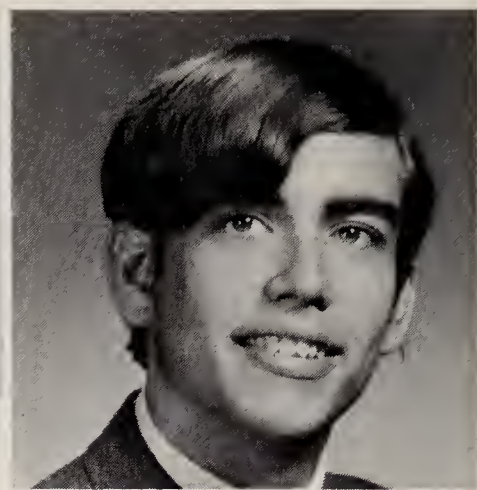
FRANZ REDLER



RHONDA REGISTER



CHERYL REYNOLDS



JERRY REYNOLDS

## Senior Reception climaxes



DAVID ROSENBERG



YONA ROZNAR



PAULA RUFFIN



STEVEN RUFFIN



ANDREA SCHUMAN



WILLIAM SCOTT



RICHARD SERFASS



EUGENE SEYMOUR





MARK RHUE



CLORET RICHARDSON



WAYNE RILEY



RAYMOND ROLANDO

## class activities



DONNA RUTLAND



ALLEN RYAN



VIOLET SALMON



MARY SAMPSON



KAREN SHAW



DOROTHY SHIRLEY



LAWRENCE SIEDMAN



CARLILE SIMMS





CLAUDETTE SIMMS



DEBORAH SIVO



DEBORAH SKAL



CHARLENE SLATER

## Bob Dunkley elected



MYRA SOBOL



MARY BETH SPOSITO



CELESTE STELLMACHER



WILLIAM STELLMACHER



SYLMERRIS SUTHERLAND



HARRIET TAYLOR



SHEILA TERRY



RICHARD THOMAS





DEBORAH SMITH



DEBRA SMITH



PATRICIA SMITH



DONNA FREDERICK

## state president of DECA



LARRY STEPHENSON



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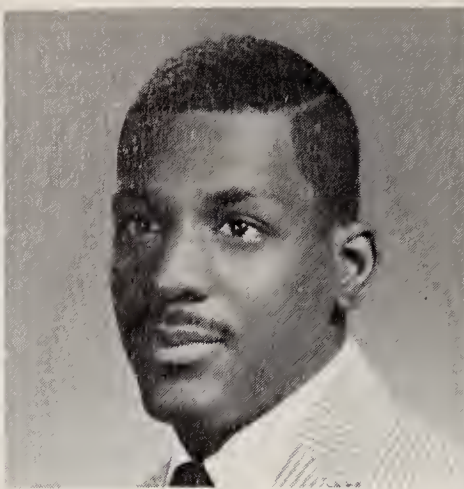




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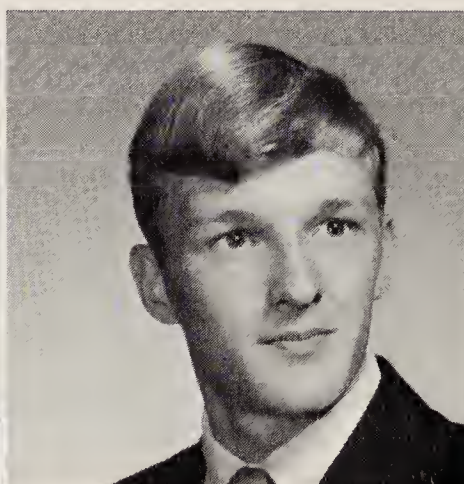
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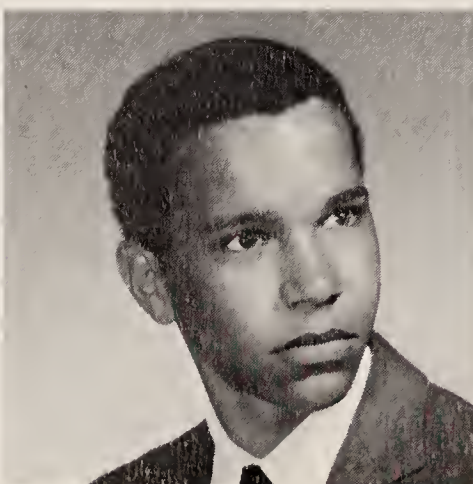
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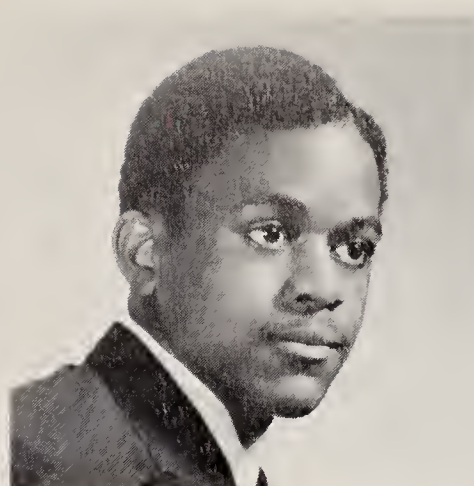




LEROY WASHINGTON



AINSWORTH WATSON



DONALD WEST



DONNA WEST

## win J.C.C. election



BEVERLY WILKINSON



ALFRED WILLIAMS



AMELIA WILLIAMS



BARBARA WILLIAMS



RONALD WILLIAMS



GLORIA WILMER



BEVERLY WILSON



SUSAN WILSON





WINSTON WILSON



ANNIE WINSTON



ROBIN WOLINSKY



DIANNE WRIGHT

## Bells may ring 18 times a day,

### Additional Seniors



NORMAN ARTER



SHIRLEY HARRISON

FAITH ANDREWS

GORDON MACDONALD

RAYMOND BROWN

SALVATORE MALGIOGLIO

GEORGIA BYERS

YVONNE MARTIN

VINCENT CARNEMELLA

TIMOTHY MATHIS

KENNETH CLARK

DAVID MILNER

WILLIAM FLOYD

ELMA NEWELL

DOREEN FORREST

WARREN PARKER

JENNIFER FRASER

OLIVIA POLLACK

CHERYL FRENCH

LAVON SAVAGE

MICHAEL HOGAN

JOHN SMITH

DEBORAH JOHNS

GREGORY STINSON

GARY JOHNSON

JUDGE THOMPSON JR.

CAMMIE JORDAN

FRANK THORPE

VICTOR LAMBERT

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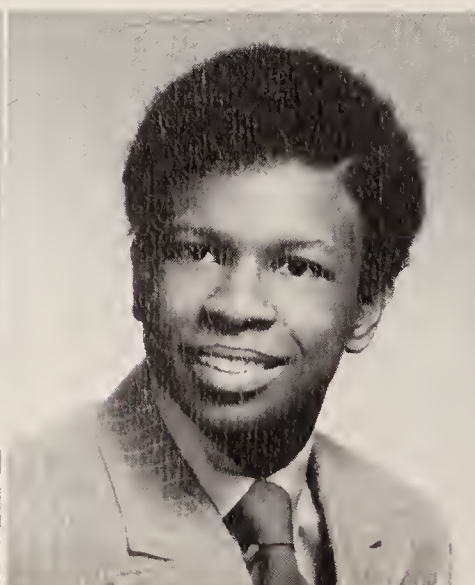
DOREEN LONG

CLARENCE WIGGIN

ETHEL MAE WOODS



DEBORAH McGEE



THEODORE MILLING JR.





RANDOLPH WRIGHT



DIANE YOUNG



DEBRA YOUSMAN



KATHLEEN ZAWALICH

but the 2:30 bell is the best



*Students leave Weaver to go home and to part-time jobs.*







# Activity Directory

BONNIE ABEL—Girls' League; Girls' Leader Corps; Student Council; *Portal* Editorial Board

WILLIAM ADDISON—Freshman Class Treasurer; Senior Class Vice-President; Inter-High Choir; Choir (Vice-President); Band; Orchestra; Student Council; Contemporary Club; Boys' Club

CARYL ARMSTRONG—Katara; Contemporary Club

ELLA MAE BARNES—Volley Ball; Girls' League; Homeroom Representative; Alternate Senior Homeroom Representative

NORMAN ARTER—Boys' Club; Katara; Junior Homeroom Representative; Student Senate

JOANN BETTENCOURT—Girls' Leader Corps

GLORIA BIBB—Girls' League

CHERYL BIGGINS—Choir; Drill Team; Student Council

CRAIG BROCKMAN—Boys' Club; Katara

ANGELA BROWN—Katara; Drama Club; Contemporary Club; Inter-High Choir; Student Council; Student Senate; Choir; Band; Orchestra

ANTHONY BROWN—Letter Club; Boys' Club; Baseball

THOMAS BURNS—Boys' Club; Track; Cross-Country; *Lookout* Photographer

DENISE BURTON—Choir; Girls' Club League; Modern Dance; Student Council

JERRY CARR—Letter Club; Katara

DENNIS COLE—Letter Club; Katara; Boys' Club

JOHNNY COOLEY—Katara; Boys' Leader Corps; Football; Gymnastics; Archery

SUSAN CORRIGAN—Choir

SANDRA CROOMS—Girls' League; Katara

DEBBIE DAHLMAN—Girls' League Representative; Red Cross Club (Secretary); *Lookout*; Girls' Business Club; Drama Club; Senior Homeroom Representative; Work Study

GLADYS DILLARD—Drama Club; Business Club; Work Study; Katara

JOYCE DILLARD—Work Study

DEBORAH DIXON—Girls' League

LAUREN DUHART—Booster Club; Girls' League; Contemporary Club; Congoloes

AMANDA DUMAS—Drill Team; Business Club; Drama Club; Modern Dance; Work Study; Record Club; Girls' League

MYRNA EBANKS—Modern Dance

JAMES EDWARDS—*Portal* Editorial Board

FRANCES ELLISON—Girls' League; Choir; Drill Team; Booster Club

RENEE EVANS—Girls' League; Student Council

IRENE EVERETT—Girls' Leader Corps

SUSAN FINKEL—Girls' Leader Corps (Secretary); Girls' League; Band; Orchestra (Secretary); *Portal* Editorial Board (Copy Editor); Honor Society (Secretary); Sophomore Class Treasurer; Student Council

MILTON FONG—Archery; Radio Club (Treasurer); Tennis; Boys' Leader Corps; Swim Team

DOROTHY GOLDMAN—Biology Club; Girls' League; Girls' Leader Corps; Honor Society; *Portal* Editorial Board

PAULA GORDON—Girls' League; Katara

MARY ANN GRAY—Girls' League; D.E.C.A.

EDMUND GREEN—Boys' Leader Corps; Wrestling

CHERYL HAROLD—Business Club; Booster Club; Archery; Work Study

JULIA HOLLIDAY—Katara; Work Study

MICHELE HUGHES—Girls' Leader Corps; Business Club; Archery

LEE HUNT—Student Council; Student Senate; Basketball; Cross-Country; Letter Club; Football

GEORGIA HURSTON—Katara; World Affairs Club; Archery; Student Council; Band; Girls' League

JOYCE JACKSON—Girls' League

ADONICA JOHNSON—Girls' League; Booster Club

BRENDA JOINER—Katara; Booster Club; Girls' League

JULIE JOHNS—Orchestra; Girls' Leader Corps; *Portal* Editorial Board; Biology Club; Girls' League

DONNA JONES—Homeroom Representative; Contemporary Club; Band; Majorettes; Cheerleading

ROSE MARIE JOYNER—Katara; Booster Club; Girls' League; Junior Achievement; Work Study

LISA KANNOF—Honor Society; *Lookout*; Girls' League

EDYSE KATZ—Honor Society; Red Cross Club; Choir; Table Tennis

ALACIA KEARSE—Girls' League; Junior Homeroom Representative; Student Council

ROBERTA KENDRICK—Business Club; Drill Team; Girls' League

EDRIS KENNEDY—Cheerleading; Katara; Student Council; Girls' League; Girls' Leader Corps; Contemporary Club; *Portal* Business Board; Biology Club; Letter Club

OSWALD KNIGHT—Katara; Boys' Club

RALPH KNIGHTON—Boys' Club; Katara; D.E.C.A.

KATHY KORNBRATH—D.E.C.A.; Girls' League; Biology Club; *Lookout*; Contemporary Club; *Portal* Business Board

HARRY LAWRENCE—D.E.C.A.

DONOVAN LEATHAM—Student Council; Student Court Committee; Drama Club; Contemporary Club; Ad Hoc Committee

REGINA LEE—Junior Achievement; Girls' League; World Affairs Club; Booster Club; Work Study

ROSALIND LEE—Cheerleading; Drill Team Captain; Girls' Leader Corps; Girls' Basketball Captain; Girls' League

CELESTE LEON—Girls' League; Work Study

HAL LICHTENBAUM—Band; Orchestra; Choir

DAWN LLEWELLYN—World Affairs Club

ALAN LOWENSTEIN—Honor Society (President); Basketball (Freshman); Soccer; German Club

HOWARD MARCUS—Football

GAYLE MARTIN—Drama Club; Student Senate; Girls' League; Student Council (Corresponding Secretary)

JESSIE MATTHEWS—Contemporary Club; Booster Club; Choir; Katara; Girls' League; Modern Dance





Three of the Senior Class officers are Cynthia Bingham, Shirley Chappelle and Virginia Pertillar.

RICHARD MATTLESON—A.V.A.; Swimming; Boys' Club; Radio Club

BILL McCARTHY—Golf Team (Captain); Band (President); Orchestra; A.V.A.; Choir; Letter Club; *Lookout*; Junior Achievement

GLORIA McCREE—*Portal* (Editor-in-Chief); *Portal* Business Board; Honor Society; Girls' League; Red Cross Club; Student Council; Weaver Night; Math Team

BEVERLY McGARRAH—*Lookout*; Drama Club; Girls' League; World Affairs Club; Katara

BARBARA McGHEE—Work Study; Girls' League

KATHLEEN McLACHLAN—Choir; Student Council; Junior Class Vice-President; Girls' League; Booster Club

ELAINE McLIN—Girls' League; Katara; Red Cross Club; Student Senate; Booster Club

LECEIA MEIN—Katara; Girls' League; Homeroom Representative

MARILYN MELLUZZO—Cheerleading; Girls' League

THEODORE MILLING JR.—Chorus; Inter-High Choir; *Lookout* (Feature Editor); J.C.C. (Press Secretary); Drama Club; *Review*; Katara

ALTHEA MONTS—Girls' League

CYNTHIA NEWMAN—Freshman Class Secretary; Girls' League; *Portal* Editorial Board; Girls' Leader Corps; Sophomore Class Secretary; Katara; *Portal* Business Board; Senior Homeroom Representative

NANCY NEWSON—Booster Club; Choir; Inter-High Choir; Katara; Girls' League (Treasurer); Girls' Leader Corps; *Portal* Business Board; Work Study; Work Training; Cheerleading (Manager)

BERTHA OLIVER—Girls' League

PATRICIA OWENS—Girls' League; Student Senate

DOROTHY PANARO—Girls' League

GARY PARKER—Work Study

WARREN PARKER—Katara; Football

DARLEAN PATTERSON—*Portal* Business Board; Choir

JOHN PETERS—Swimming; Track; Katara

ARTHUR POMERANTZ—Swimming, Chess Club, Honor Society; Letter Club; Math Team

FRANZ REDLER—Freshman Baseball; Indoor Track; Track; Cross-Country (Manager); A.V.A. (Captain); Letter Club

RHONDA REGISTER—Choir (President); Inter-High Choir (President); Girls' League (Vice-President); *Portal* Business Manager; *Lookout*; Future Teachers' Club; Homeroom Representative

CHERYL REYNOLDS—Girls' Leader Corps; Girls' Drill Team; Future Teachers' Club; Katara; Girls' Basketball; Booster Club; Girls' Volleyball; Girls' Swimming; Girls' League (President)

JERRY REYNOLDS—Band; Orchestra; Choir; Student Senate; Future Teachers' Club; *Review* (Editor)

CLORET RICHARDSON—Contemporary Club; Katara; *Lookout*; Girls' League; Student Senate

RAY ROLANDO—Letter Club; Boys' Club; Football; Baseball

DAVID ROSENBERG—*Lookout* (Sports Editor); A.V.A.; Band; Orchestra; Tennis

YONA ROZNAR—Biology Club; Girls' League; Future Teachers' Club; Choir; *Portal* Editorial Board (Managing Editor); Weaver Night



DONNA RUTLAND—Band; Booster Club; French Club; Library Aide; Future Teachers' Club; Contemporary Club

ALLEN RYAN—Freshman Football; Track; Work Study; Letter Club

VIOLET SALMON—Netball; Teacher's Aide (in England)

MARY SAMPSON—Future Teachers' Club; Booster Club (Secretary-Treasurer); Girls' League; Contemporary Club; Red Cross Club; *Lookout*; Student Council (Secretary-Treasurer)

BILLY SCOTT—Katara; Drama Club; Contemporary Club; Boys' Club; Student Council Representative; Junior Achievement; Football, Track; Wrestling; Letter Club; Student Senate

ANDREA SCHUMAN—*Lookout*; Honor Society; Girls' League

EUGENE SEYMOUR—*Lookout* (Editor-in-Chief); Drama Club; World Affairs Club; *Review* (Associate Editor); Student Council; Rules Committee; Action Committee

KAREN SHAW—Choir; Katara; Girls' League; Booster Club; Student Council

MILDRED SHUFF—Girls' League; Business Club

CARLILE SIMMS—Soccer

DEBORAH SKAL—Girls' League

CHARLENE SLATER—Girls' League

DEBORAH SMITH—Katara; Girls' Track; Business Club (President); Student Council Representative

DEBRA SMITH—Girls' League

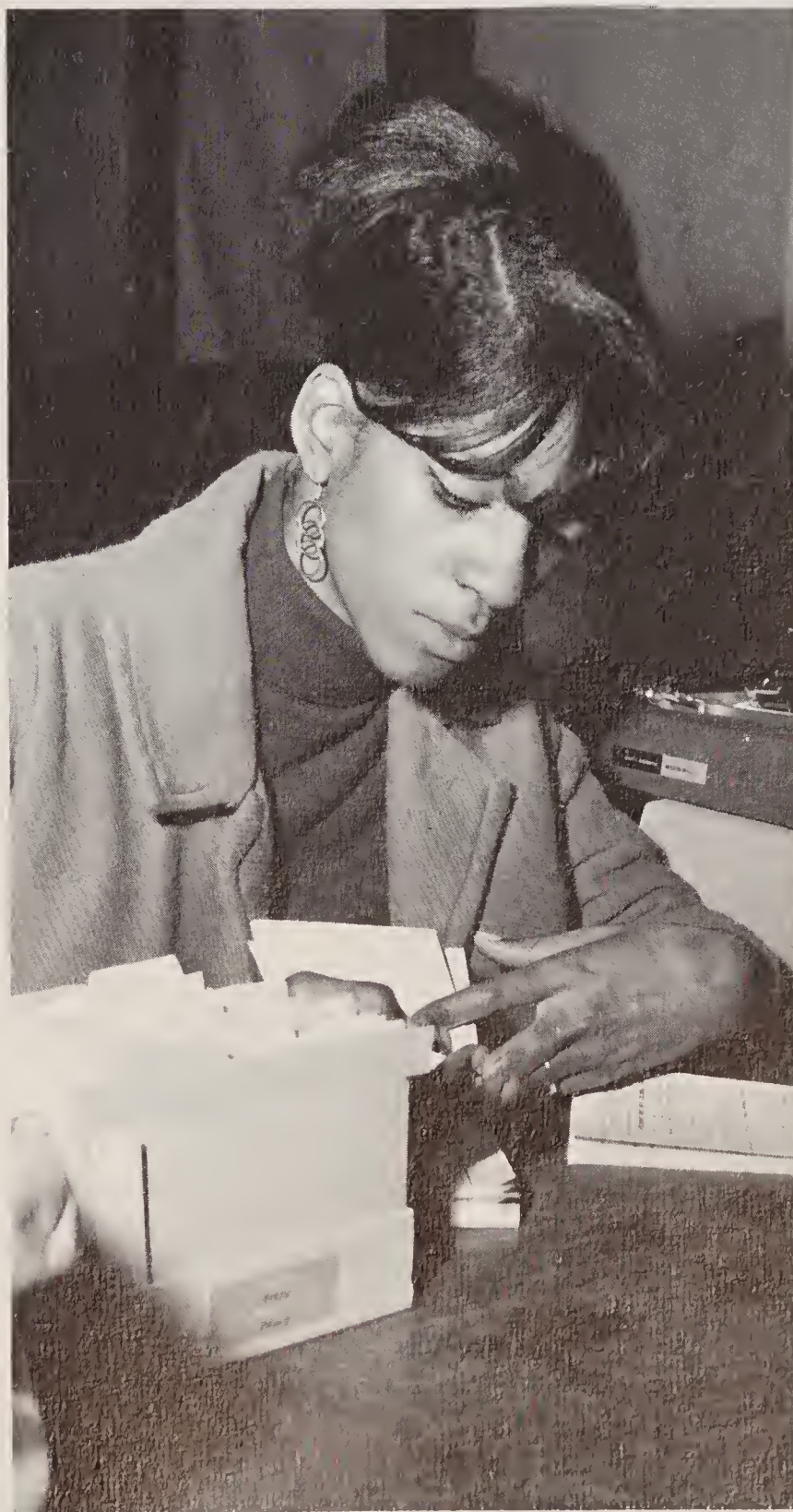
MYRA SOBOL—Girls' League; Drama Club; *Lookout*; *Portal* Editorial Board; Weaver Action Committee; Junior Achievement

MARY BETH SPOSITO—Girls' League; Choir; *Lookout*

*Lisa Kannof tackles a shorthand chapter.*



*Charlene Slater learns office skills.*







*Spring signals the return of varsity baseball to the diamond.*

CELESTE STELLMACHER—Girls' League; Girls' Leader Corps; D.E.C.A. (Parliamentarian); Drill Team; Girls' Basketball; Girls' Volleyball; Girls' Track; Gymnastics; Student Council

WILLIAM STELLMACHER—Boys' Leader Corps; A.V.A.

LARRY STEPHENSON—Baseball; Cross-Country; Wrestling; Football

RONNIE STEWART—Katara (President); Student Council; Swimming

DEBORAH STINSON—Girls' League; Katara

SYLMERRIS SUTHERLAND—Booster Club; Girls' League; Student Council; D.E.C.A.

RICHARD THOMAS—Business Club; Boys' Club; Katara; Choir; D.E.C.A.

JUDGE THOMPSON—D.E.C.A.

JACQUELINE THORPE—Girls' League (Treasurer); Katara; Booster Club; Choir; Inter-High Choir

MIRIAM TORRES—Drama Club; Modern Dance; Girls' League; Katara; D.E.C.A.

BEATRICE WALKER—Girls' League; Higher Horizons

DONALD WARE—Archery

EDDIE WARE—Boys' Club; Letter Club; Student Council; Football; Baseball

LEROY WASHINGTON—Katara

AINSWORTH WATSON—Katara

DONNA WEST—Modern Dance; Girls' League

KATHY WHALEN—Choir; Band (Vice-President); Girls' League; Drama Club; Orchestra

EDWARD WIATRZYK—*Lookout*; Boys' Club; Student Senate; Homeroom Representative

JOSEPH WIATRZYK—Boys' Club; *Lookout*

BEVERLY WILKINSON—Katara; Girls' League; Leader Corps; Contemporary Club; Modern Dance; Business Club

ALFRED WILLIAMS—Boys' Club; Letter Club; Basketball; Baseball; Football

BARBARA WILLIAMS—Girls' League

JANICE WILLIAMS—Girls' League; Choir

JOE WILLIAMS—Boys' Club; Red Cross Club

ROBERT WILLIAMS—Football (Captain); Baseball; Track; Letter Club (President); Boys' Club (Vice-President); J.C.C.; Student Senate; Student Council (President); Drama Club; Contemporary Club; Katara; Boys' State

RONALD WILLIAMS—Katara; Boys' Club; Baseball

GLORIA WILMER—Katara

SUSAN WILSON—Girls' League; Girls' Volleyball; Girls' Basketball; Gymnastics; Choir; Contemporary Club; Senior Homeroom Representative

WINSTON WILSON—Boys' Club

ROBIN WOLINSKY—Girls' League; *Lookout*; *Portal* Business Board; D.E.C.A.

ETHEL WOODS—Track; Student Council

RANDY WRIGHT—Katara; Boys' Club

KATHY ZAWALICH—Choir; *Lookout* (News Editor); Biology Club; Girls' League; Drama Club; *Review*; *Portal* Editorial Board; Business Club

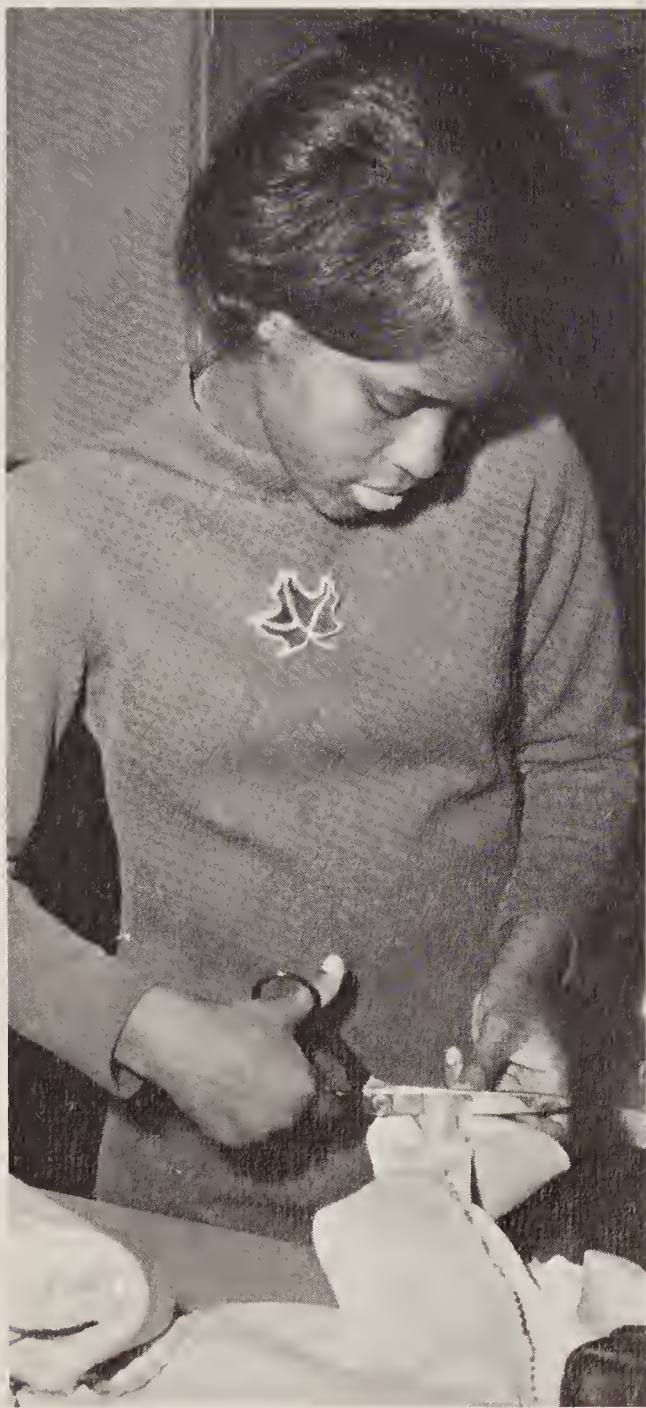
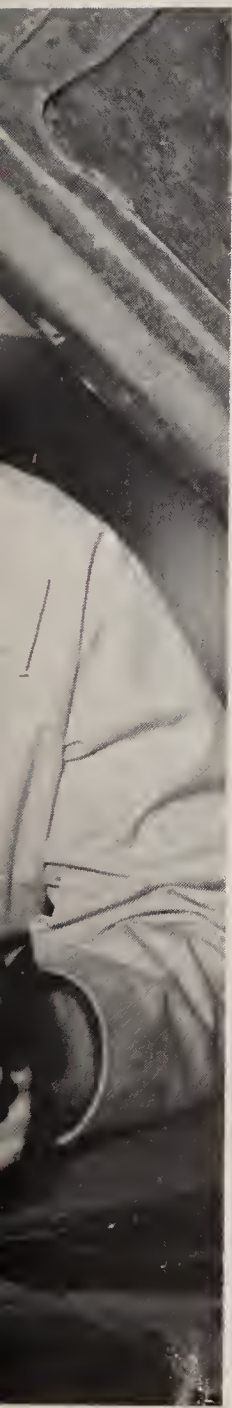












## Academics

**SEARCHING:** Examining our curriculum.

Of course, our main reason for attending high school was to learn. We have all spent the last four years preparing for either college or a vocation. However, our years of learning differed slightly from those of previous classes. We became more concerned with the nature of our courses, and we challenged the relevancy of what was being taught to us. Although we realized the necessity of certain basic subjects, we also saw problems and questions around us with no accompanying answers. It was our hope that new courses could provide some of the answers. Partly due to our outspokenness, we saw two new courses instituted in our senior year.

We have examined the curriculum of Weaver High School and have tried to improve it. We hope it will continue to improve and remain both useful and interesting to all Weaver students in the years to come.

*Far Left: Mrs. Ferlini instructs girls in cutting paper dolls.*

*Centers Richard Serfass works on a car in auto mechanics.*

*Left: Paula Ruffin works on a project in home-making class.*







# Graduating class honors two outstanding teachers

A somewhat recent member to the Art Department is Mr. John Karrer. However, this has not hindered his involvement with the students of Weaver High. For the past two years he has supplied the art work for the sets in the productions of Weaver Nite. Last year, the former Lookout office, and this year, the Reading Room were decorated by Mr. Karrer's Interior Decorating classes. Aside from his art students, Mr. Karrer has worked with other Weaverites. Last year, he served as a chaperon when the History Department planned its trip to Washington, D.C. Presently, Mr. Karrer is adviser to the Senior Class. These are only a few of the contributions he has made to Weaver. It is for these reasons that the Class of 1970 wishes to dedicate its yearbook to Mr. John Karrer.

The saying of our time seems to be "Get involved," and one of the most involved teachers at Weaver is Mrs. Mary-Frances Hennessey. She always takes time to find what her students' concerns are, and never hesitates to take five minutes away from her English lesson to let these concerns be expressed. In addition to her regular teaching duties, Mrs. Hennessey took on the task of being adviser to *The Review*. She has always been well liked because she has never failed to find something to like about everyone she meets. Her classes have always provided interesting learning for both teacher and student, for she realizes that her students have something to offer her as well. It is for her concern and involvement that the Class of 1970 has dedicated its *Portal* to Mrs. Mary-Frances Hennessey.



Keith Price and Mr. Karrer watch Douglas Green in art class.

Mrs. Hennessey looks over a magazine with Dori Goldman.





*The Administration includes (Row 1) Miss Sophia Hoskins, Mr. Joseph Dougherty (Principal), Mr. Nicholas Coracci, (Row 2) Mr. Joseph Fleming, Mr. Walter Hurley, Mr. Lawrence Shea and Mr. George Thomas.*



*Mr. Dougherty takes charge of the school administration.*



*Susan Finkel consults with Mr. Coracci.*





## Dougherty names Advisory Council

This year under the leadership of Principal Joseph P. Dougherty, the administration introduced various programs to involve students, parents, and teachers. The new administration decided in January to involve students in the In-Service Day programs through the Human Relations Committee, a group comprised of the entire school staff. These members tried to get experts in various fields of human relations and then tried to relate these ideas to the problems at Weaver. In this way, the staff hoped to achieve better insights into these problems. An addition to the Weaver administration was the position of liaison teacher which was held by Miss Sophia Hoskins. Mrs. Hoskins helped students with problems that arose between them and their teachers. In this way she promoted a better understanding between students and teachers.



*Dennis Cole and Mr. Shea chat in the hall.*





*The Nurses Aide Program includes (Row 1) Beverly Wilson, Joan Forde, Beverly Jones, Mrs. Ruth Page (instructor), Annie Winston,*

*(Row 2) Santita Diaz, Georgina Diaz, Irene Everett, Veriva Thompson, Gloria Cooper, (Row 3) Carolyn Hite and Rosalind Lee.*

## Three new courses added to Weaver curriculum



*Mr. Martin, Adele Booker and Herman James discuss a point of law.*

The Nursing Program is a vocational course introduced for senior girls in the Weaver and Hartford High Schools. The course offered basic training in the nursing fields and gave the students an opportunity to venture into the various medical fields. This year's course offered classes at the A. I. Prince Technical School as well as training in basic nursing procedures at Hartford and Saint Francis Hospitals. The completion of the course guarantees employment at any of the Hartford hospitals and two full credits for the course. Of the ten Weaver program participants, six chose to continue in one of the nursing fields.

Another new subject was African Studies, a course of regional studies with concentration on Nigeria. The students learn the history, geography, and general culture of the people from all regions of Africa. The course was highlighted by novels, lecturers, and African music. Also added to the History Department was Man in Today's World. Using books and articles for background, this course centered on significant problems of the students.

*Althea Monts and Miss Cuffee go over the day's lesson.*

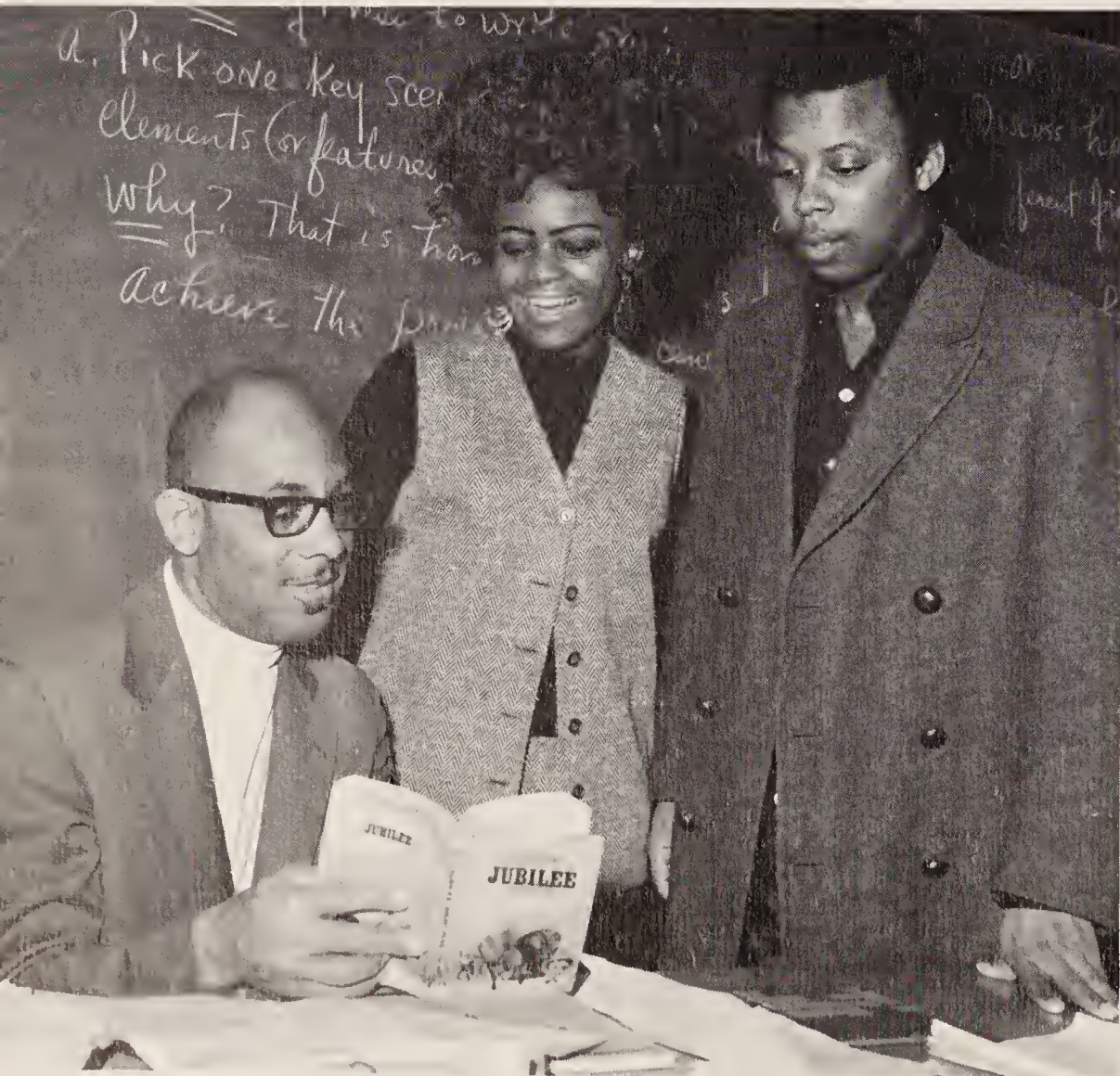




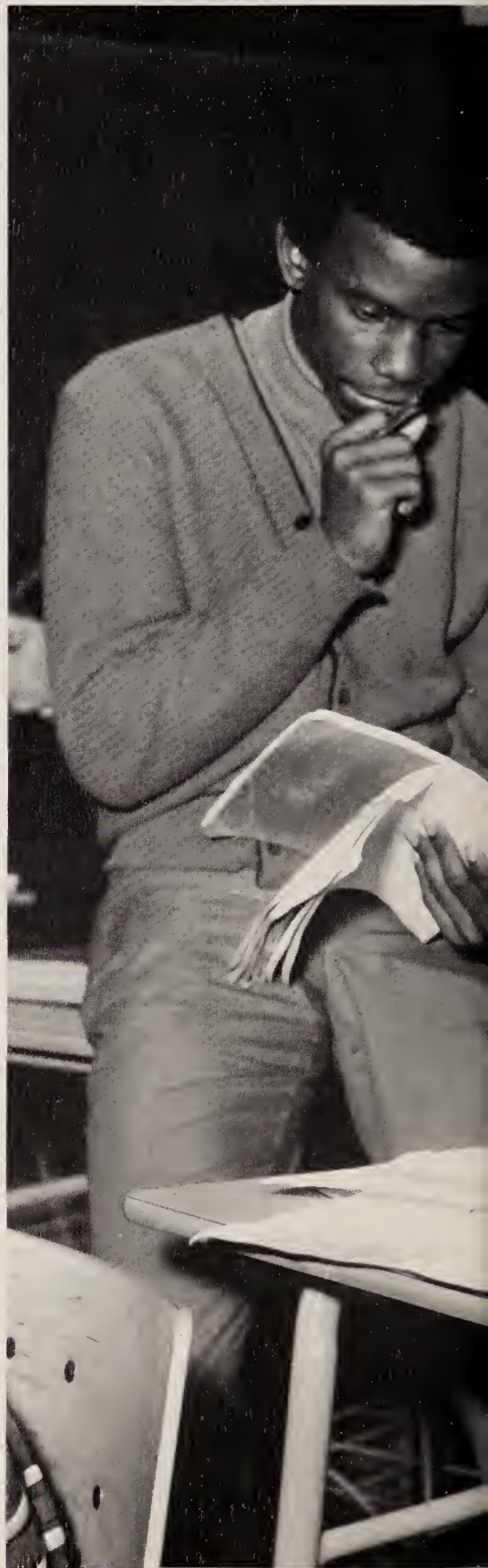




*The English Department includes (Row 1) Mr. Richard Pierce, Miss Lucy Sullivan, Dr. William Pickens (Chairman), Mrs. Jean Bagley, Miss Sybil Wyzan, (Row 2) Mrs. Mary Gilbertson, Miss Elaine Bessette, Miss Patricia Kenny, Mrs. Ernestine McCoy, Mrs. Sondra Seligson, Mrs. Jannie Phillips, Miss Sherilyn Willis, Mrs. Mary-Frances Hennessey, Miss Kathleen Gallagher and Miss Rachel Lindenthal.*



*Dr. Pickens explains a passage to Donna West and Carl Booker.*







*Denise Dowdell works with Miss Gallagher.*

## Black literature planned in future

During this past year, Weaver students saw the development of a number of new courses in the English Department. Mr. Pierce taught a course in Public Speaking on a non-credit basis during the first semester and for one-half credit during the second semester. The department eliminated the personal track at the freshman and sophomore levels, writing an improved curriculum for the ninth and tenth grade general English classes. Several additional film titles, along with the purchase of coordinated materials, expanded the Humanities program. Working to continue its progress in the area of curriculum renewal, the English Department requested two elective courses for next year's program, Black Literature and film making.

*Mrs. Gilbertson corrects a composition with Donovan Leatham and Andi Schuman.*





*The Math Department includes (Row 1) Mr. Charles Stewart, Mr. Robert Mogenson (Chairman), Mr. Herbert Houston, (Row 2) Mr. Henry Hardy, Mr. Edward Rosen, Mr. Tyrone Johnson, Mr. David Vania, Mr. Stephen Fedus, and Mr. Joseph Martinelli.*



*The Science Department consists of (Row 1) Mrs. Janet Irving, Mrs. Trudy Faust, Mr. Robert Lavenburg (Chairman), Miss Jean Vollano, (Row 2) Mr. Merrill Davis, Mr. Steven Fisher, Mr. Robert Guyon, Mr. Edward Sevetz, Mr. John Kouba, Mr. Lee Parandes and Mr. Gilbert Stuart.*

*Lee Hunt bends glass in chem lab.*





*Mr. Mogenson and Arthur Pomerantz select a transparency.*

## Earth Science classes emphasize laboratory

The Science Department introduced many new programs into the curriculum this past year. One of the new courses was the Earth Science Curriculum Program, which is basically a laboratory oriented course. The General Science courses were revised to allow students the benefit of varied opinions and more knowledge. These benefits were made possible through the use of several texts. In Natural Science courses, stronger emphasis was placed on drugs and drug abuse. This year, Weaver High did not have Advanced Placement biology or chemistry, but interested students were able to attend the University of Hartford for these courses. In the future, several new courses will be added to the science program. Oceanography and Space Science are two of the most probable choices for the near future.

The Math Department continued to teach all facets of the subject. Courses ranged from elementary algebra to calculus. In addition, those students who excelled in mathematics were able to participate on the Math Team, where they competed against students from various area schools.



# Language workshops seek to improve curriculum



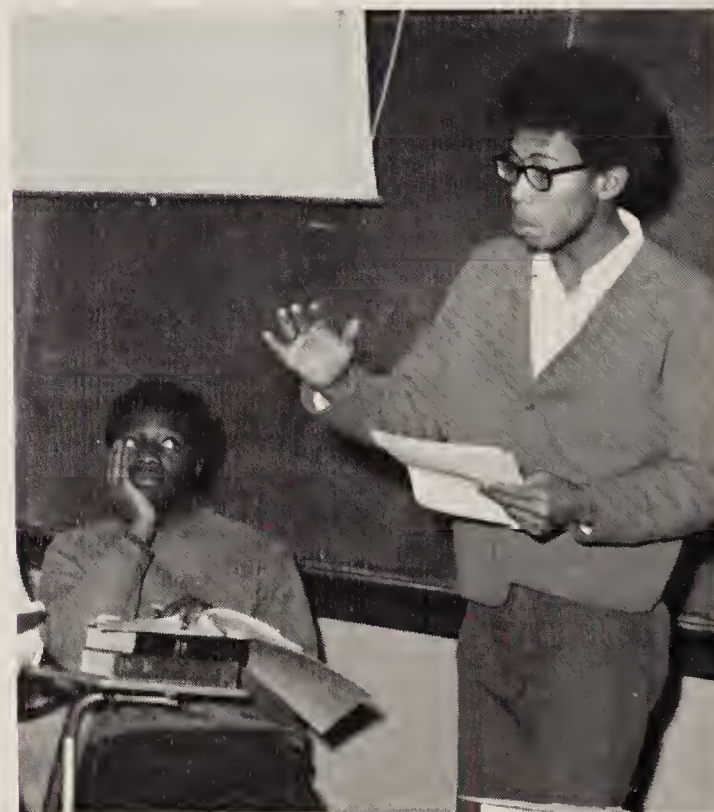
*The History Department consists of (Row 1) Mrs. Hazel Fitting, Miss Gloria Garilli, Miss Mary MacDonnell, Miss Mary Ellen Long, Miss Jeanne Kazianko, Miss Phyllis Cuffee, (Row 2) Mr. Alan Rozinsky, Mr. Kavansa Smith, Mr. Kenneth Gwozdz, Mr. Edward Knurek and Mr. Peter Desy.*

This past year, the Language Department participated with other schools in re-evaluating its program to fit the needs of the students. Workshops were held in different cities to discuss the proper text books, movies, and tapes to be used in class. The department hoped that these workshops would help in improving the quality of its classes. French, Spanish, German, and Latin are all offered at Weaver. The Language Department also welcomed two new teachers to its faculty, Mr. Norman Rice and a former Weaver student, Mr. Amado Cruz.

The History Department also made improvements, one of its chief concerns. This year, Weaver students saw two new courses opened to them, African Studies and Man in Today's World. In addition, the department continued to offer a variety of courses which had been previously taught. Economics and Government were each taught one semester to comprise the American Democracy class. Other subjects included American History, World History, which covered two separate periods of European History, and American Mind, a study of utopian thinking and practices.



*The Language Department consists of (Row 1) Mr. Joseph Hilbert, Mr. Richard Merrill, Miss Sharon Buckley, Mr. Amado Cruz, (Row 2) Mr. John Hendsey and Mr. Norman Rice.*



*Greg McFarland gives a report to the American Mind class.*

*Donovan Leatham listens to a recording during lab period.*



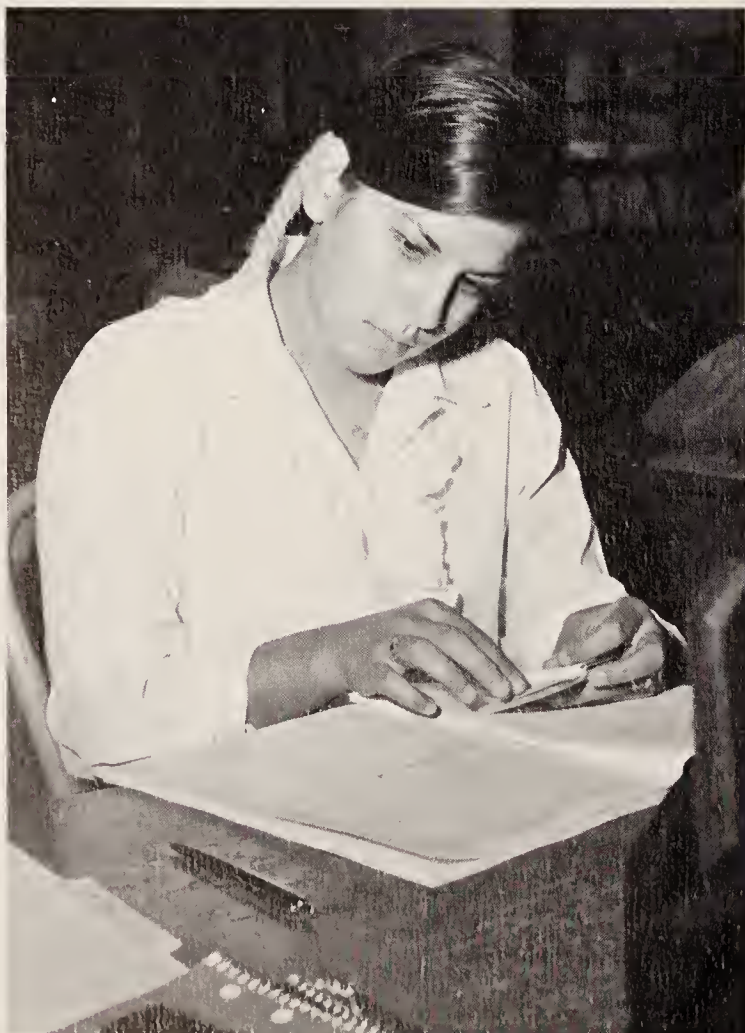






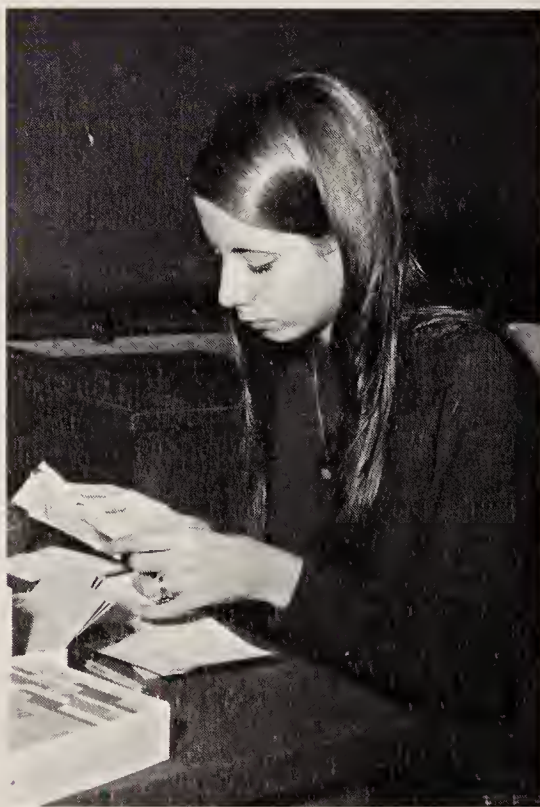
*The Business Department includes (Row 1) Mrs. Josephine D'Orsi, Mrs. Constance Houde, Miss Gloria Berry, Mrs. Jean Devine, (Row 2) Mrs. Imogene Trapp, Mr. William Goldstein, Miss Jayne Mazner, Miss Mary Brinson, (Row 3) Mr. James Snyder, Mr. Bernard Rosen, and Mr. Nicholas LaRosa.*

*Shirley Chappelle types an S.O.S. notice to the Senior Class.*



## D'Orsi named new chairman

For the first time in the history of Weaver, the Business Department has a woman chairman. She is Mrs. Josephine Z. D'Orsi, who has taught in Weaver for seven years. Always trying to prepare students for the future, this year the Business Department added new students for the future, this year equipment and courses to the curriculum. These new classes included the Business Orientation program, which consists of typing and record keeping, and machine transcription. In addition, some typing classes used steno cords and dictaphones. Looking ahead, the Business Department hopes to introduce Data Processing to next year's schedule. In keeping with its aims, the Business Department always seeks out new ideas which will help fulfill the needs of the students.

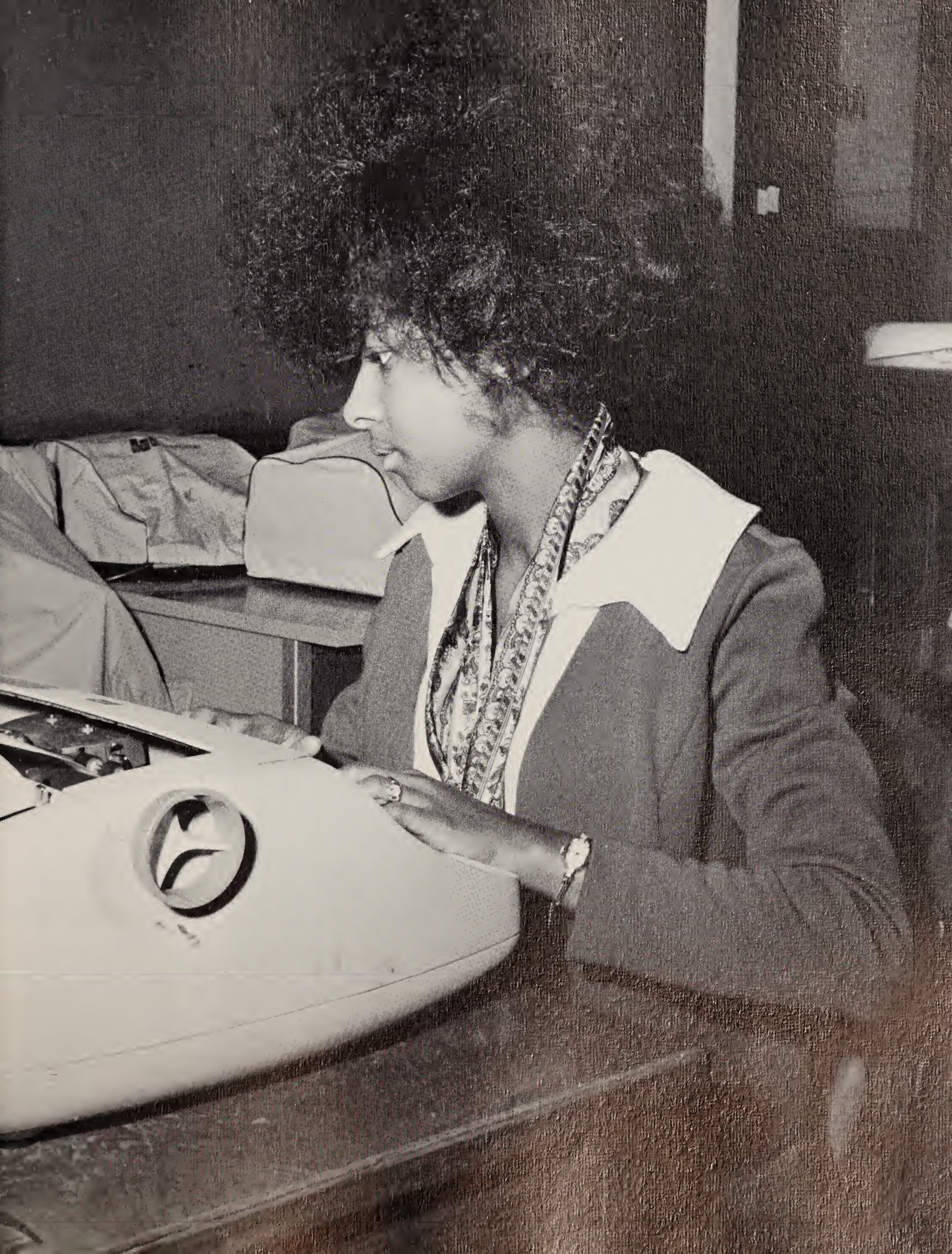


*Marilyn Melluzzo practices filing.*

*Debbie Skal reviews her bookkeeping figures.*







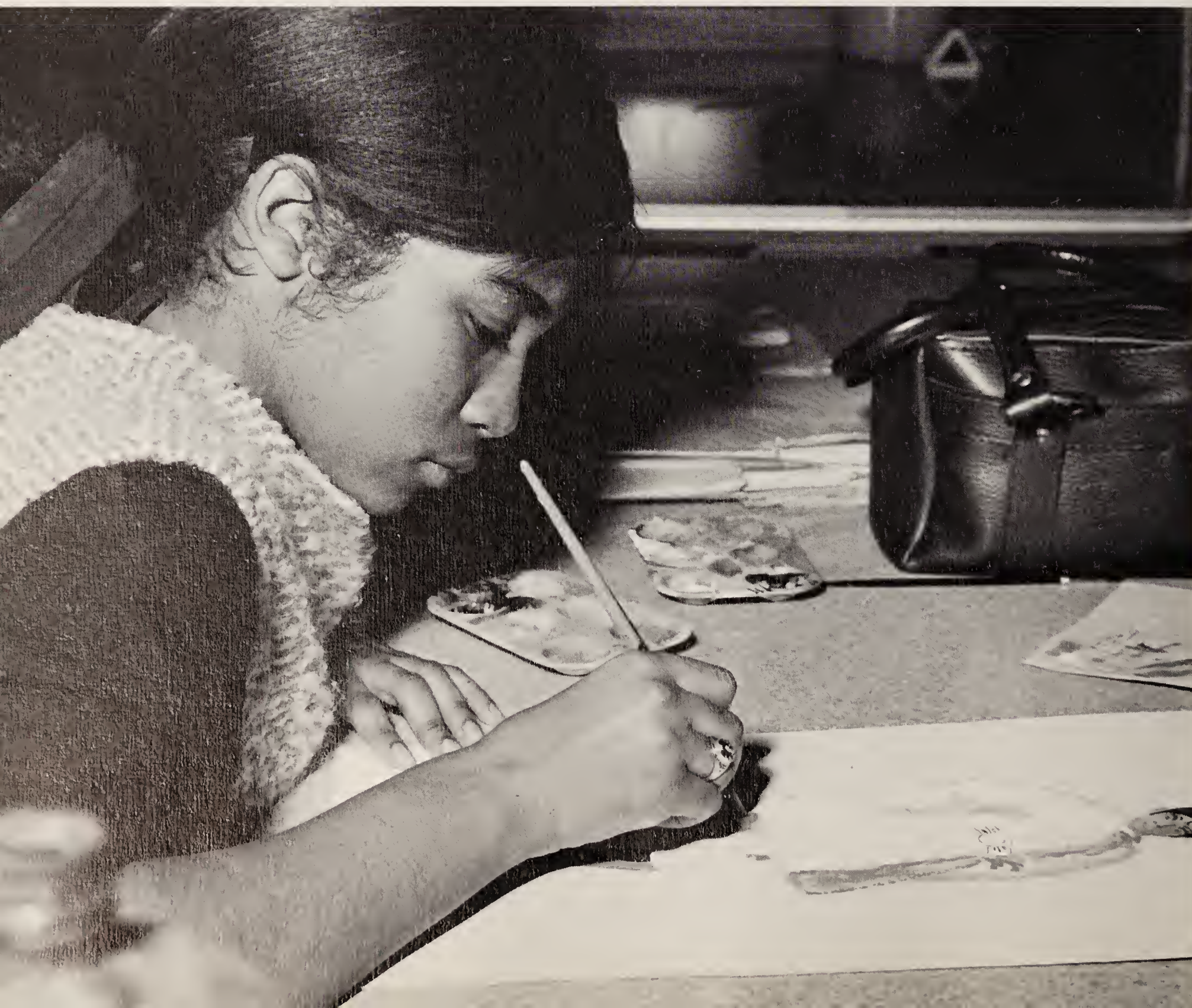


*Right: Roosevelt Cooper concentrates on developing his art skills.*

*Center: Mr. Robert Filippone and Mrs. Elizabeth Martin make up the Music Department.*

*Far Right: The Art Department includes Miss Karen McCombe, Mr. Frank Mancuso, Mr. John Preu and Mr. John Karrer.*

*Donna Jones puts final touches on a fashion design.*



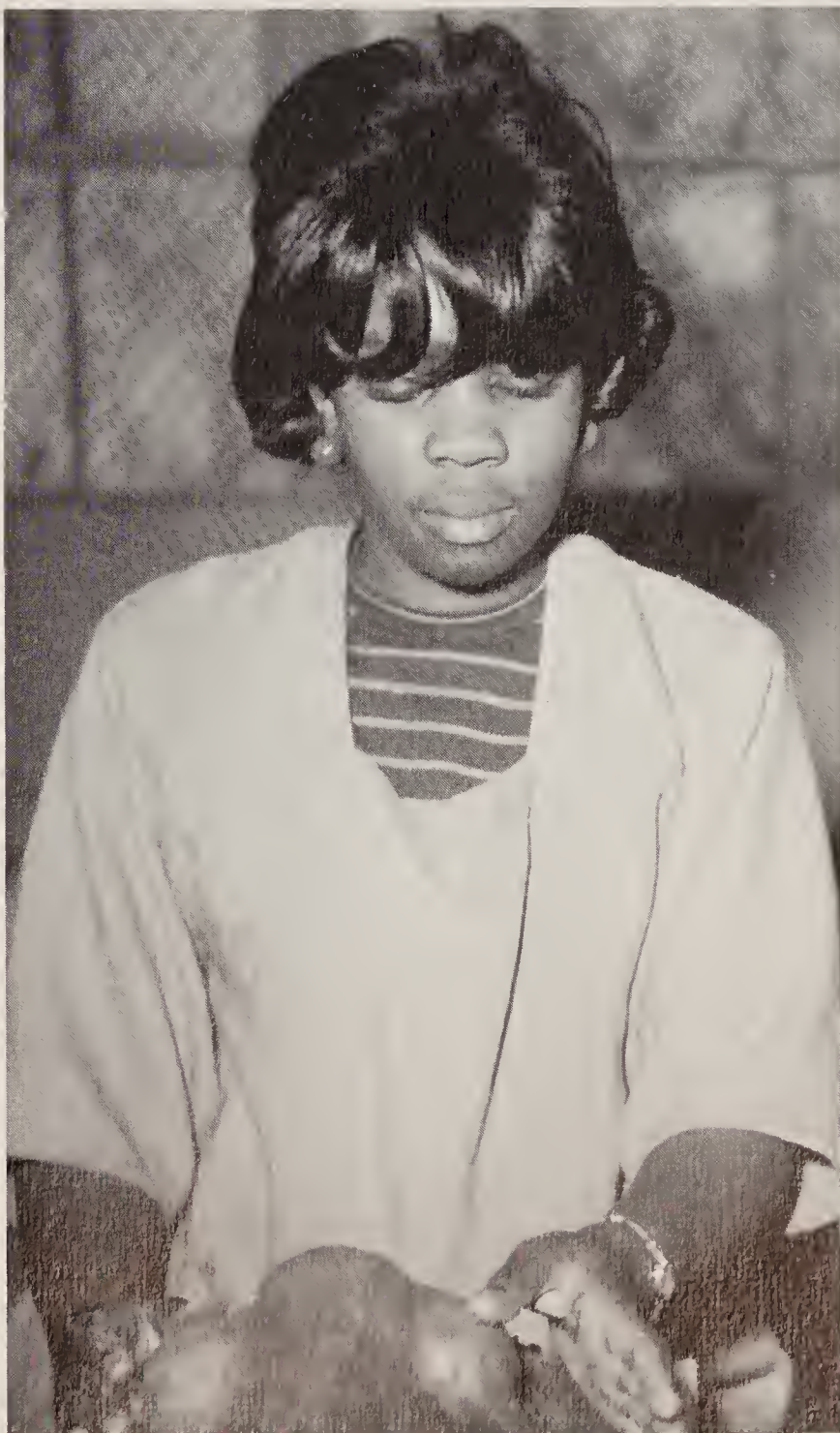




## William Addison sings in opera performance

Weaver's Art Department experimented with several new ideas this year. Work was done with clay and casting masks. Designing posters and wallpapers were also large projects. One of the main objectives of an art class is to learn about and experiment with different media such as paints, pencils, crayons, and inks; several projects involving these various media were undertaken by the art students.

Several students were chosen to perform in the Connecticut Music Educators Association concert. Music faculty members from different schools in the state submitted worthy students' names, and the association chose its performers from these names. The concert was held on February 7, 1970. Those chosen from the choir were Karen Shaw, William Addison, Rodney Howard, Lois Freeman, Christopher Bruce, Jerry Reynolds, Rhonda Register, and Alberta Machia. Deborah Johnson was selected from the Band. Some students from Weaver participated in musical activities outside the school. William Addison had the opportunity to sing in the opera *Medea* at the University of Hartford and received a voice scholarship for his exceptional musical ability. Jerry Reynolds appeared in the production of *Guys and Dolls*, which was directed by Miss Gloria Garilli.



*Brenda Joiner works on a clay object.*





*The Industrial Arts Department includes Mr. John Alibrio, Mr. Frank Steeves, Mr. John Eldridge, Mr. Vincent Gemmiti, and Mr. Howard Hill.*



*The Home Economics Department includes Mrs. Mari Ferlini and Miss Mary Lou Pisciotta.*

## McLin given Betty Crocker award



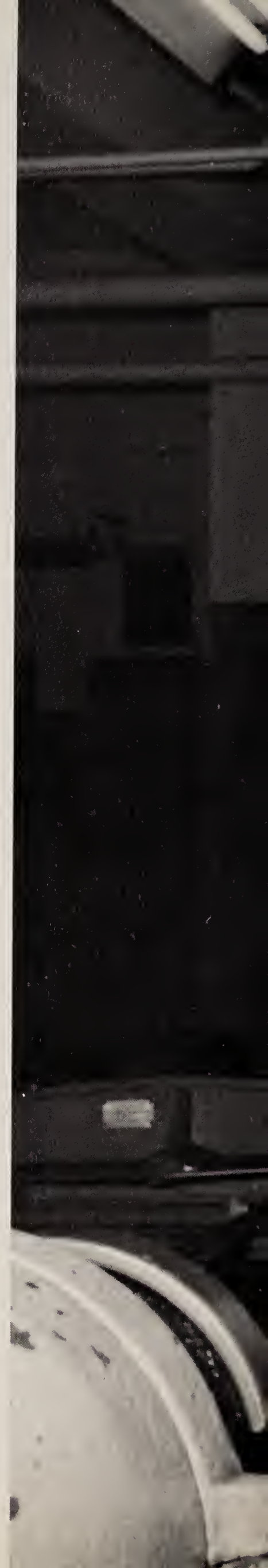
*Paula Ruffin supervises Theresa Cliete as she sews on a button.*

For the first time, Weaver students had the opportunity to take a course in photography. The boys in Mr. Gemmiti's classes learned to take and develop good pictures. After the boys mastered this procedure, they produced a movie. Mr. Hill's classes worked with clear plastics, another new course at Weaver.

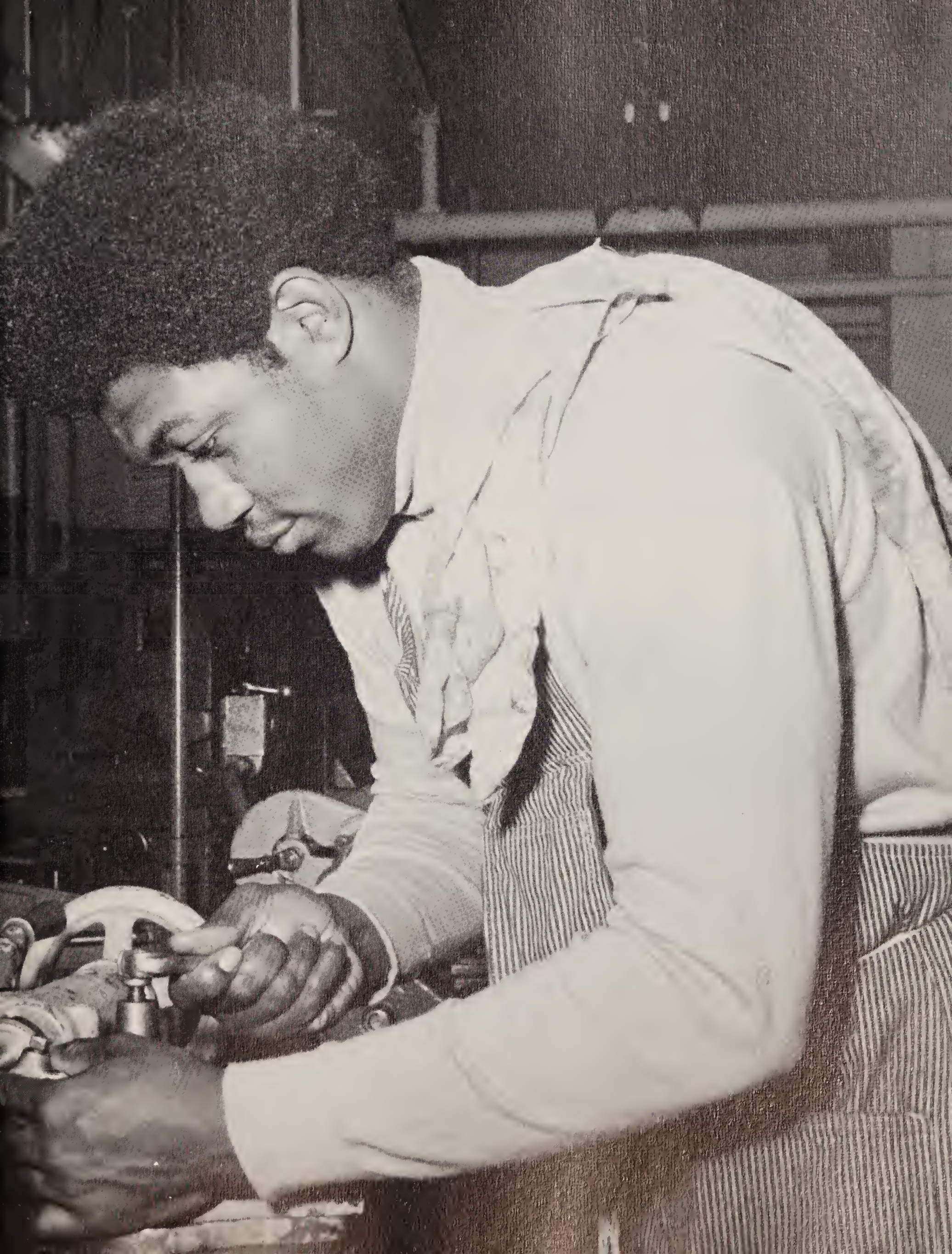
This year several people from the surrounding community helped to strengthen the Home Economics Department by giving lectures to the students. These speakers ranged from a hairdresser and a representative from G. Fox & Company who talked about a baby's layette, to a librarian who spoke about good books for children.

Elaine McLin was named the Weaver recipient of the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award. She was chosen on the basis of her score in the homemaking knowledge and aptitude test taken by senior girls during the month of December. Elaine received a specially-designed silver charm from General Mills, the sponsor of the annual education program.

*Claude Curry works at an engine lathe.*





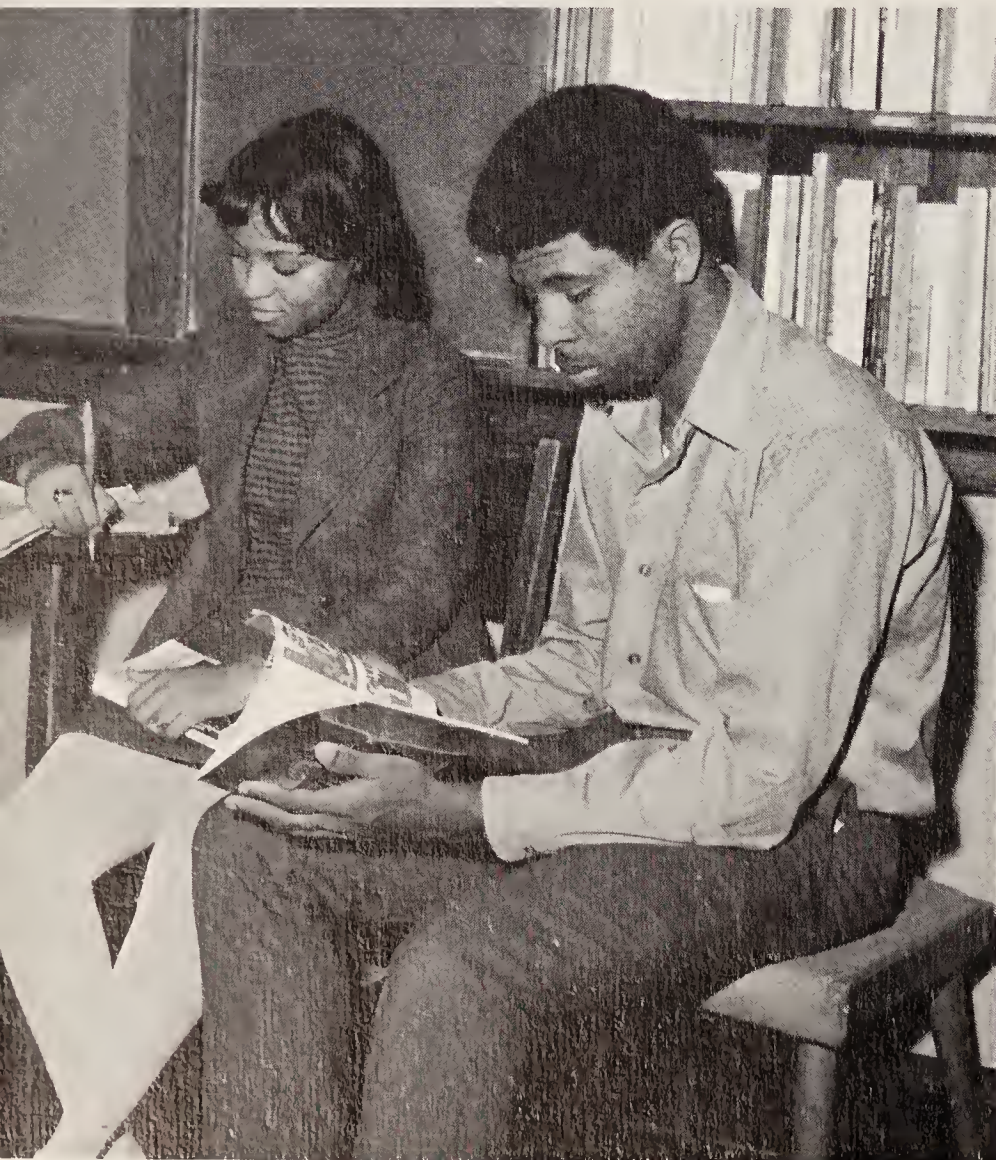




# Senior students aided by school counselors

Where do you go when you want to apply to a college? To your counselor, of course. The guidance counselors for the senior class this year were two experienced men who have devoted themselves to this profession for many years. Anytime the student had a problem, the counselors were always glad to help in any way. However, college was not the only worry for the senior counselors. Many students had academic problems and needed advice in choosing courses for their final year at Weaver. They consulted with their counselor for help in making these decisions. Every counselor worked to make sure that all changes and decisions were to the benefit of their student. They continued to be available to advise the students in making the proper decisions, whether it concerned problems in school or those they might experience after leaving Weaver.

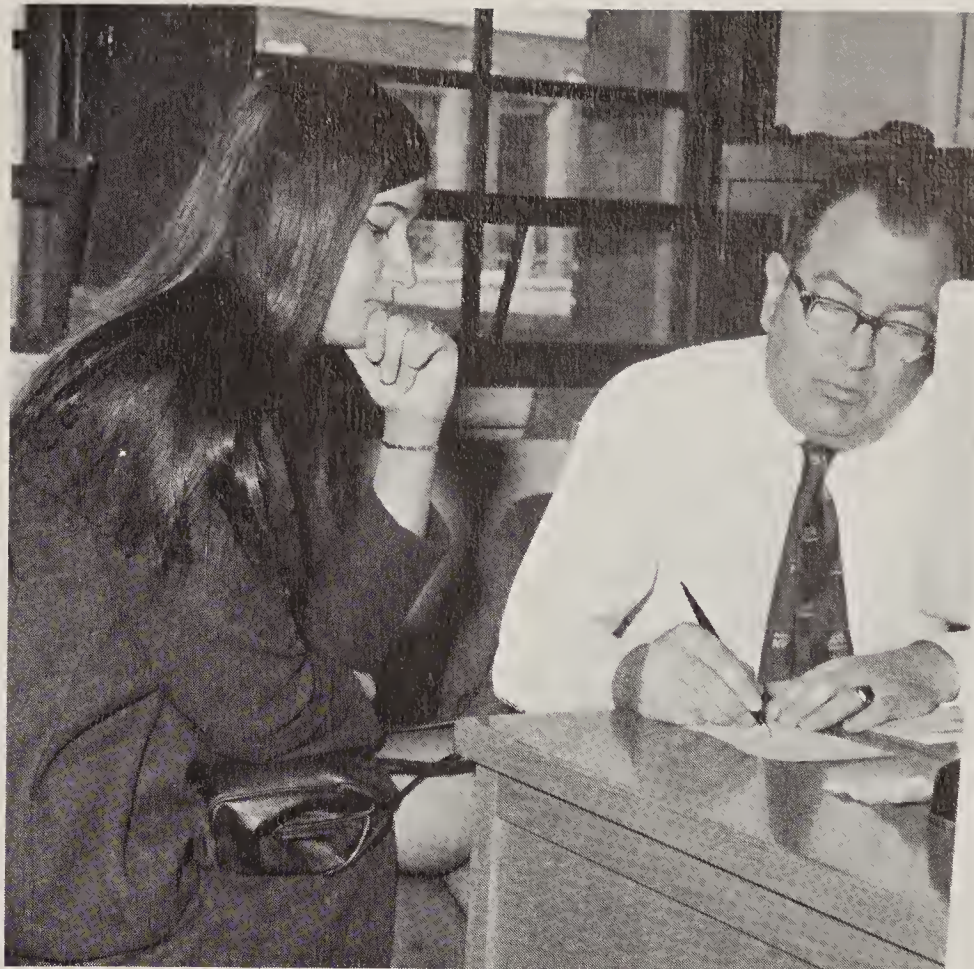
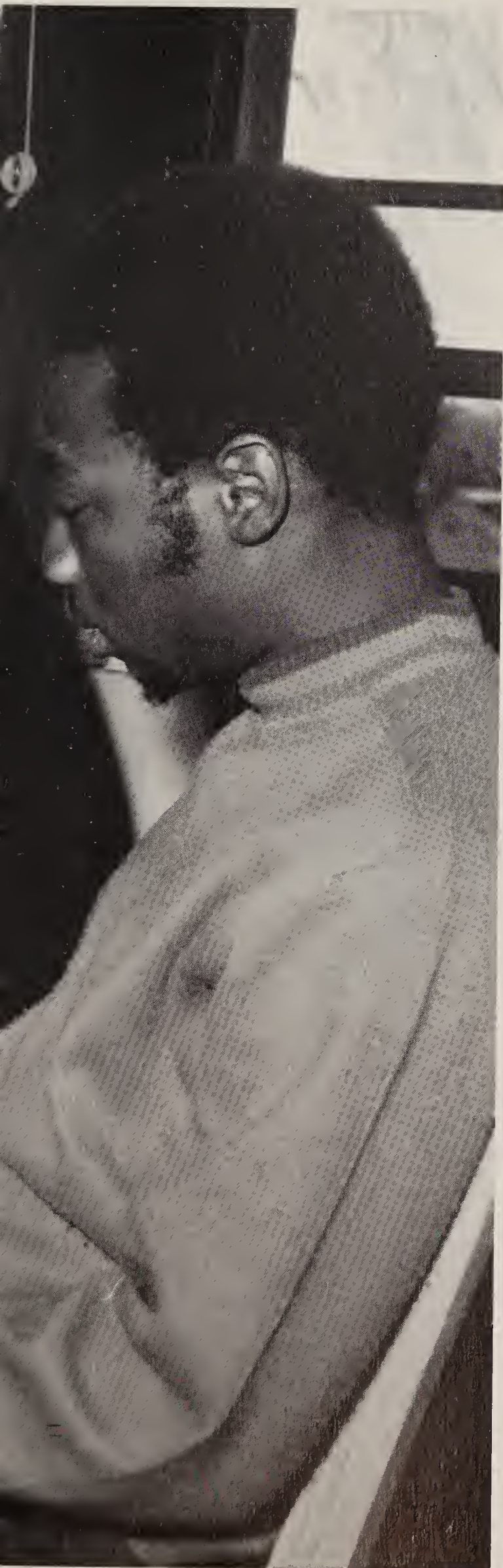
*Mr. Plankey and Ronnie Stewart discuss future plans.*



*Caryl Armstrong and Larry Stephenson wait to talk to their counselors.*







*Mr. Shea goes over a schedule with Ursula Libert.*



*The Guidance Department includes (Row 1) Miss Rosa Jennings, Miss Jeannine Belisle, Mrs. Elizabeth Noel, Mrs. Muriel Vaughn, (Row 2) Mr. John Shea, Mr. Henderson Duval, Mr. Winfield Coachman, Mr. Charles Oliver and Mr. Eugene Plankey.*



# Driver's education continues to help students acquire licenses

Three of the many services available at Weaver High School are the para-professionals, the Physical Education Department, and the Driver Education Department. These programs provide the students with a well-rounded education.

The para-professionals, who work as aides, performed various tasks. Many of the para-professionals were assigned to help alleviate the heavy work load of the administration and the department chairman. Other jobs included working in study halls, in the lunchroom and in the office.

The Driver Education and Physical Education programs tried to fit the needs of the students. Every student took part in the Physical Education program through his gym classes. The department also offered after school activities, such as intramural sports, for those who were interested. The Driver Education program strove to teach the students how to properly operate an automobile.

*Jessie Matthews and Carla Mounds string bows in gym class.*

*Below: The para-professionals include (Row 1) Mrs. Carrie Simpson, Mrs. Ella Monroe, Mrs. Sandra McCracken, (Row 2) Mrs. Thelma Morgan, Mrs. Lorraine Johnson, Mrs. Sheila Dallam, Mrs. Trudy Faust, (Row 3) Mr. Cordell Harris, Mr. Ernest Johnson, Mr. Limmie Westbury, (Row 4) Mr. Ovis Armstrong, Mr. William Epps and Mr. Clarence Thomas.*

*Center: The Driver's Education Department consists of Mr. Vincent Gemmiti, Mr. Bradford Ames and Mr. Merrill Davis.*

*Bottom right: The Physical Education Department includes (Row 1) Mr. Colin Wilson, Mr. Philip Kearney, Mr. John Lee, (Row 2) Mrs. Clara Lee, Miss Maureen Kelleher and Mrs. Marilyn Strong.*











*The secretaries include (Row 1) Mrs. Lillian Roznar, (Row 2) Mrs. Elizabeth Huey, Mrs. Carmen Cecilia, Mrs. Katharine Nixon, Mrs. Nancy Cooper, Mrs. Janet Barrows and Mrs. Susan Bottomley.*

*Mrs. Cordova and Miss Sullivan take time out to enjoy a magazine.*

## Many services make total Weaver staff

Among the least noticed but very important facilities at Weaver are the secretaries, nurses, librarians and Mrs. Cassarella. Each works diligently to help teachers and students with whatever they need.

The secretaries extend a helping hand in taking attendance and typing college transcripts and work references. Mrs. Cassarella, the secretary of the Guidance Department, serves by assisting the counselors in the clerical duties.

Librarian Miss Sullivan and library clerk, Mrs. Cordova, try to broaden the students' literary knowledge by maintaining a well-stocked assortment of books, encyclopedias, and magazines which form one of the best collections in the area.

Mrs. Garber, who is in charge of health records and daily illnesses, is assisted by a new addition to the Weaver staff, Mrs. Shakun. The nursing staff not only alleviated discomfort, but also added a new course this year, the Nursing Aide's Program.







*Mrs. Cassarella phones one of the guidance counselors.*



*Mrs. Garber and Mrs. Shakun check out the day's diseases.*









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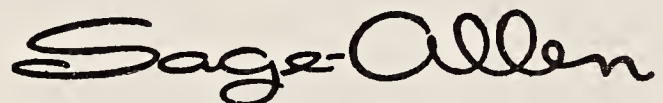
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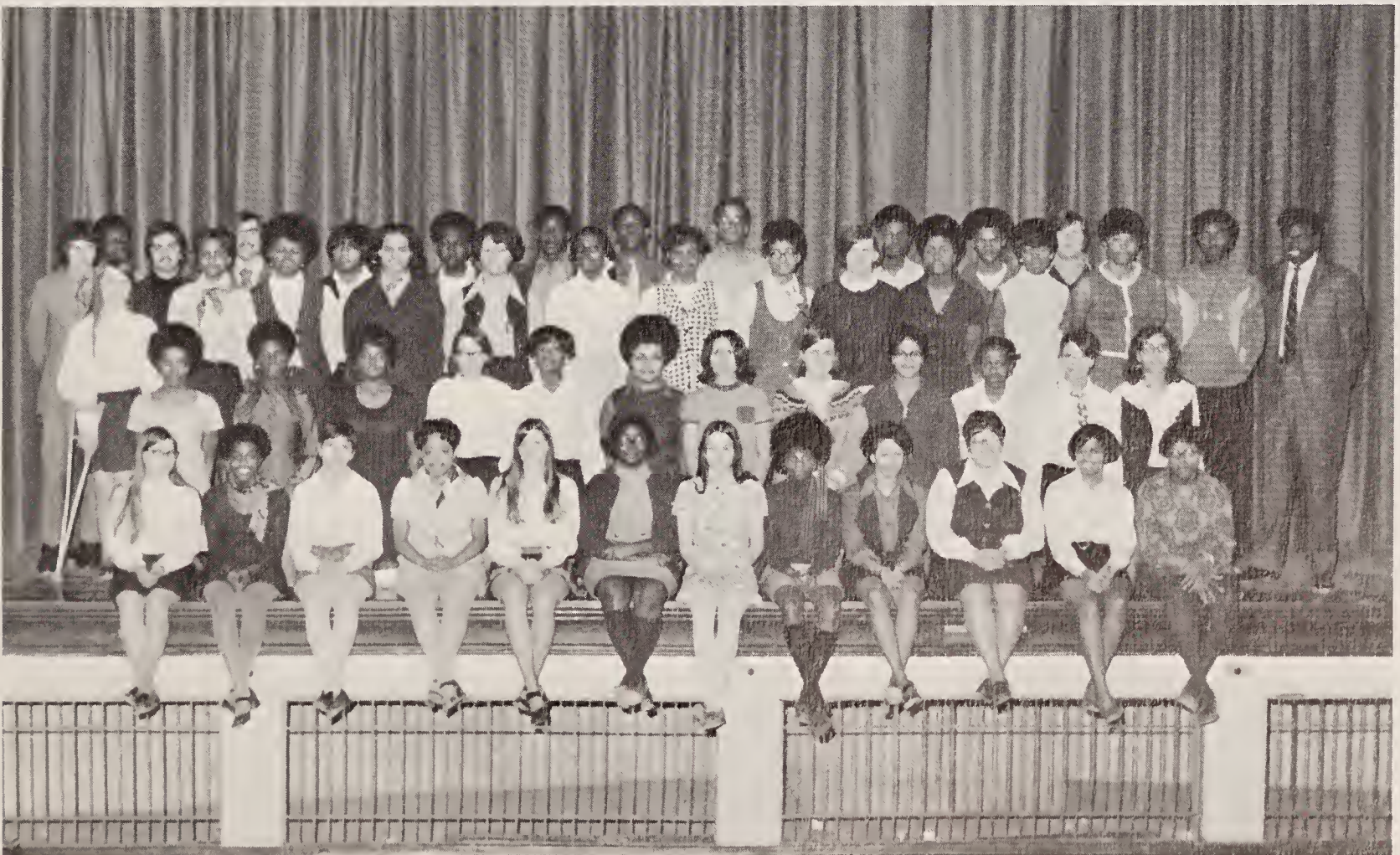
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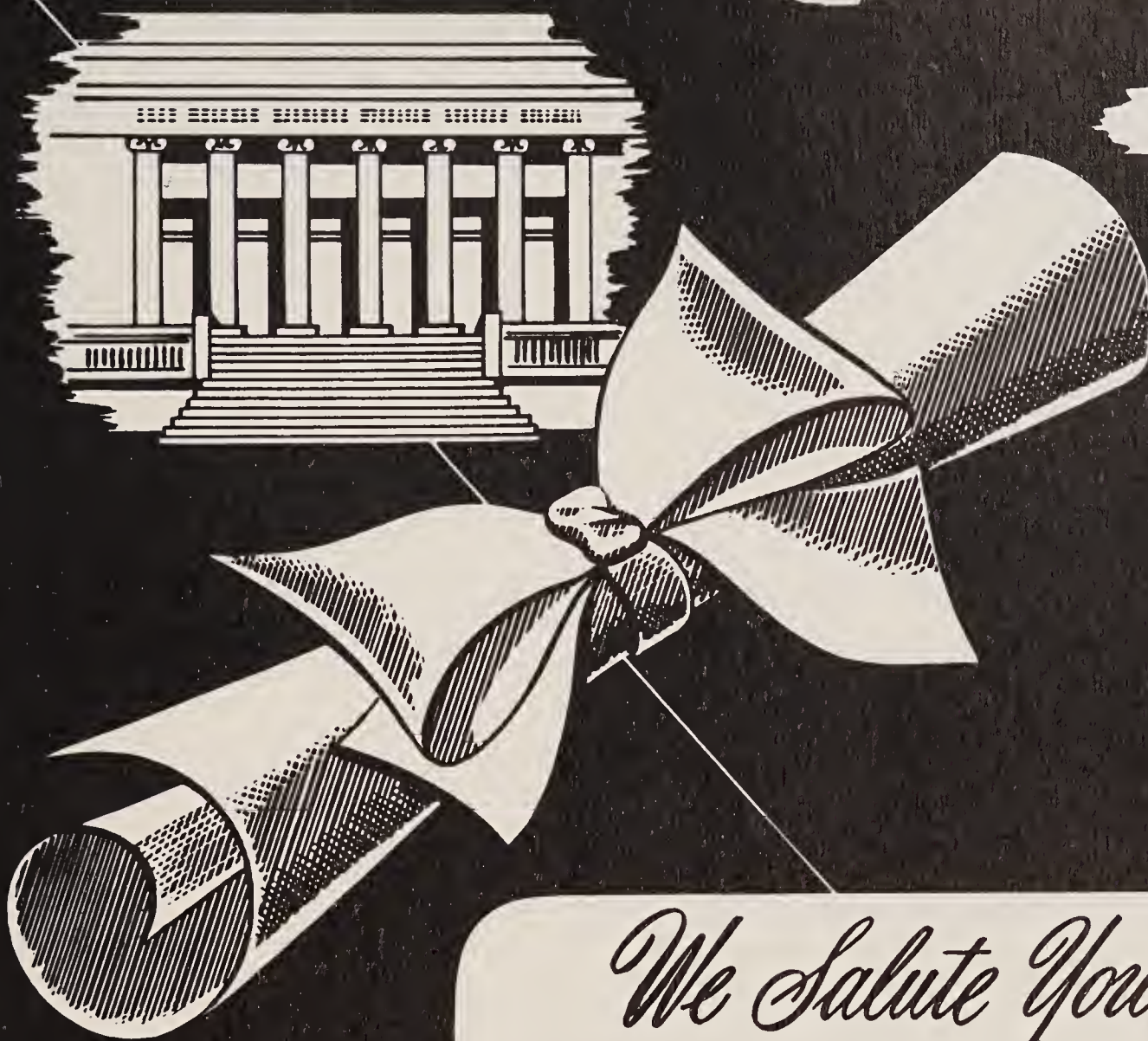
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## Epilogue

As we leave Weaver High School, we should stop to remember what we have gained while here. We leave a more wiser class than we entered, but as stated before, there is still much we wish to know. To search is a natural instinct of man; he is never satisfied with what he has found, he must find more. That is why searching is such an appropriate theme for us. We have only begun to search; a whole undiscovered world still awaits us.















